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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE sixty-sixth session of the New-England Annual Conference met at Harvard Street Church, Cambridge, Mass., March 29, 1865, Bishop O. C. Baker in the chair. The day was all that could be desired; and never was the Conference assembled under more favorable circumstances. A large company of ministers was in attendance. Coming from their various fields of labor, where, during the past year, they had faithfully toiled for Christ and the welfare of men, they seemed to wear upon their faces the indications of joyful triumph, rather than the sad traces of disappointment and sorrow.

The opening service of the Conference was conducted by the Bishop, who read the 124th Psalm, and the 15th chapter of John's Gospel. The 704th hymn was then sung; and prayers were offered by Rev. P. Crandall and Rev. S. Kelley. The 280th hymn having next been sung, the Conference, according to the usual custom, celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The occasion was one of especial sweetness and power.

The roll was called at the conclusion of the sacramental service, and those present answered to their names.

Rev. E. A. Manning was elected Secretary of the Conference, for the sixth time, by a unanimous vote; and Rev. Wm. D. Bridge was chosen Assistant Secretary. The business of the session was much facilitated by the nomination of all the Standing Committees by a Committee appointed for the purpose one year ago.

Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, of S. Illinois Conference, and Rev. W. G. W. Lewis, of Cincinnati Conference, were received by transfer into the New-England Conference. An additional Committee was appointed on the reconstruction of the Methodist Church at the South. By this action the Conference has shown that it is still determined to march in the vanguard of the great army of liberty and pure religion.

It is now proposed to take such action as shall secure to us, as a church, not only the property which was wrongfully wrested from us by a mercenary court, but also to secure for Christ the whole southern land, by the preaching of a free and full and pure salvation, with equal rights to all the people.

The statistical business of the Conference was much simplified by the appointment of one person to receive all the statistics and make the proper disposition of them.

The Conference was ordered to draw on the chartered fund for twenty-five dollars.

A very courteous invitation was received from Messrs. Childs and Jenks to visit their gallery of paintings in Boston, and especially the statue of "Zenobia," which has created such a furor, and which, during the past few weeks, has been visited by more than 25,000 people.

The vote was taken on the question of the change of the Discipline in regard to Slavery, so as to clear the church forever of all possible complicity in this wickedness. The vote was taken by Ayes and Noes. Every member, with right good will, answered, Aye, as his name was called. Whole number of votes, 125.

The reports of the Sabbath-school Union and the Tract Society were read. It is hardly possible to realize the magnitude of the Sabbath-school work. The figures are eloquent. Facts show that, notwithstanding thousands and tens of thousands of young men have gone from our Sabbath schools to die, if need be, for the rights of men and fatherland, yet the number in our Sabbath schools is ever on the increase. We now have 13,213 schools, 149,577 officers and teachers, 861,484 scholars, 2,529,087 volumes in library, 17,463 Bible classes, 131,075 infant scholars, 222,276 copies of the "Sunday-school Advocate" taken, 18,892 conversions; and all this at an expense of only \$216,466.45. The average annual increase in our schools, for the last ten years, has been 330 schools, 4,192 teachers, 30,841 scholars. During the last eighteen years, the total increase has been 7,102 schools, 88,487 officers and teachers, 540,854 scholars, while, during the same time, there have been 285,730 conversions, and the schools have cost \$1,833,813. During the year 1864, the printing of the "Sunday-school Union," including the "Sunday-school Advocate," and the German "Sunday-school Bell," and bound books, &c., amounted to 490,296,225 18mo pages. The average circulation of the "Sunday-school Advocate" for the year was 259,100. If the circulation of this little paper continues to increase for four years more, as it has done in the past, it will reach a half million. Such facts and figures ought to strengthen our faith in God; and as a church, we ought to feel that a great and world-wide work is put in our hands.

The report of the Tract Society is equally encouraging. This Society was incorporated April 15, 1854. From that year the receipts have been increasing. Last year there was received \$12,610. It is the work of the Society to furnish books, tracts, and papers for distribution, gratuitously, or otherwise. The Society publishes a small paper, called the "Good News," the average monthly circulation of which, for the last year, was 90,500. The total of the Society's publications for 1864 amounted to 47,044,000 pages.

From several of the absent members of the Conference, letters were read; we give an extract from one of them, and another we give entire. Father Sanborn sends an autograph letter from Concord, N. H., under the date of March 27 :—

. . . "My health is much as it was last year, except an increasing weakness. I walk out a little on pleasant days, but very slowly. I have

great cause of gratitude to God, that I am so comfortable, so free from pain, so many mercies.

God and the Church have borne long with me, — near fifty-five years have passed since I commenced as an itinerant; and were I to live my life over, I would say, let it be that of a Methodist preacher, but a better one, — more holy, more devoted to the great work of the ministry. Near the close of my seventy-seventh year, and having studied the doctrines and polity of the church, I would say, I never more fully and conscientiously believed them. . . . In the church I wish to live, — in it, to die.”

MADRAS, INDIA, Feb. 1, 1865.

To the Presiding Bishop and the Members of the New-England Annual Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN, — At your session, in 1856, you resigned me for the work of founding a mission of our church in India; and, by “the good hand of God upon me for good,” that object has been accomplished; and the work, which I feebly commenced nine years ago, has grown up into such proportions as to be organized into an *Annual Conference* of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The field chosen, and the peculiar circumstances under which it was occupied, as well as the history of our progress to this time, are well known to you, and need not be here referred to, except to acknowledge, gratefully, the prayers and the noble liberality with which our Church has sustained us, and the abundant grace of God which has been made to rest upon our efforts.

As might have been expected, the peculiar circumstances in which our work has begun, with the toil and exposure and anxiety inseparable from building up such a mission as this, have all constituted a strain upon the energies of body and mind, such as seldom falls to the lot of a Methodist preacher; and my enfeebled frame has been further prostrated of late, by congestion of the liver and the fearful cholera; so that, in the opinion of my medical advisers, a change of climate and rest from toil have become *indispensable* to the restoration of my health and energy.

I have also been, for some time past, convinced in my own mind, that even if I still possessed my former strength, that stage in our mission history has been reached, when younger men, efficient in the vernaculars, fulfilling my duties, could give to our work in India a tone and progress beyond what I could now hope to impart to it.

My *duty* thus became clear, and I placed myself once more in the hands of the Bishop and the Board, and asked for *release* as soon as our mission should be organized, and our work districted and arranged.

This has been kindly granted; and my work in India is done.

I thank God and his Church for the great honor of having been entrusted with the duty of founding the first Methodist Conference in Asia, — on the continent where the Saviour of mankind was born, — and in a position, too, so central and adapted for the diffusion of our holy cause. I have no doubt

but that, when we are in our graves, the millions among whom that Conference is planted will be rejoicing in "the light of life," and India's own sons, the members of that Conference, will be preaching a free, full, and present salvation "with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." Yes, and that it will be our joy in glory to welcome to "the Land of Rest" multitudes from India, who shall "have washed their robes, and made them white," — (not in the Ganges, which bounds your mission-field, but) "in the blood of the Lamb." Amen! and Amen!

And now, fathers and brethren, having finished my "pioneer" work in these "ends of the earth," I return to you, whom I have humbly represented in a foreign land, during these years of anxious toil.

If God, as I trust, sees good to bless my long voyage and my rest, to the recovery of my health and energy, I shall hope to present myself to you at your next session, to receive again an appointment among my brethren, and once more, in my own language, have the joy of preaching the Lord Jesus Christ to my fellow-men. With a larger experience than I could otherwise have known of the value and efficiency and universality of those blessed truths which it is our privilege to preach to all, I trust I shall more fully appreciate and improve the opportunities to which I now look forward. Farewell till we meet again, my dear fathers and brethren.

Ever yours in the Lord Jesus,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Various other matters of minor importance occupied the remainder of the morning session, which was concluded by singing the doxology, and benediction by Rev. A. D. Merrill.

The afternoon was devoted to a Conference prayer-meeting, participated in and enjoyed by ministers and laymen. The blessing of God rested upon the Assembly. Why might we not have more such meetings, where we can join our prayers and songs, and offer our testimonies? Oh that the day may come when our Conferences shall prove spiritual Jerusalems, and each minister receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

In the evening, Rev. I. J. P. Collyer preached the Annual Conference Sermon, plain, practical, pointed; its suggestions must result in good, if they are only received into good and honest hearts. His text was in Romans ii. 13, 14.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of Conference, true to the history of the past, was a dull, stormy day, — rain, rain. The session opened at 8½, Rev. A. D. Merrill leading the devotional exercises.

The examination of character was then taken up. The oldest as well as the youngest must pass this yearly ordeal. The oldest member of the Conference, Rev. E. F. Newell, was present, and answered to his name. He is a man who would attract attention wherever he might be seen. At the invitation of the Bishop, the venerable man briefly addressed the Conference. It

seemed as though the Apostle John had revisited the earth. His remarks were full of trust and joy and victory.

Records were read concerning the condition and operations of the Biblical Institute, at Concord, N.H., and also of the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn. Both these Institutions were represented to be in a flourishing condition. The number of students we observed at the Wesleyan is only 113, which is much smaller than usual.

We fear that our Methodist parents and Methodist young men are ignorant of the fact, that, with the present able corps of instructors at the Wesleyan, a student will receive as good if not better tuition, and at less cost, and be in better society, than in any other college in the whole land. There ought to be, at least, double the number of students at the Wesleyan.

In the afternoon, Rev. Prof. Lewis, late of Ohio, preached an elaborate and impressive sermon from Phil. i. 21. His theme was the Christian life. We welcome Bro. Lewis to the goodly fellowship of the New-England Conference.

The evening was occupied by Rev. W. S. Studley, who preached a most timely sermon on Ministerial Education. His text was 1 Tim. iv. 7. He spoke of the work of the Christian minister, and the preparation for that work which the times demand.

THIRD DAY.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Clark, of Springfield.

The annual report of the Book Concern was read. The net capital of this establishment, exclusive of all liabilities, is \$547,149. The profits for the last eleven months have been \$57,849. One word, at least, of commendation is due the Rev. Dr. Porter, who, by his untiring diligence and distinguished financial ability, has contributed greatly to secure the prosperity which has marked the career of the Book Concern for the last few years.

The annual report of the Preachers' Aid Society was read. This noble charity, it is seen, has a warm place in the hearts of the people.

Dr. C. S. Mann, Agent of the National Freedman's Relief Association, addressed the Conference in regard to the Society he represented.

The examination of the preachers' characters, on the Lynn, Worcester, and Springfield Districts was continued.

Nine young men who have been on trial for the last two years were called to the altar, and in a most solemn and affectionate manner were addressed by the bishop, on the importance of the work they had undertaken.

The morning services were concluded by singing the doxology and benediction.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached in the afternoon by Rev. D. Dorchester, of Charlestown. It was a carefully-prepared and interesting exhibit of the necessity of the home missionary work, and the best methods of carrying it on successfully.

The Anniversary of the New-England Education Society was held in the

evening, E. F. Porter, of East Boston, in the chair. The meeting was eloquently addressed by Rev. Dr. E. Cooke, and Rev. Dr. J. Cummings.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Z. A. Mudge.

The Conference voted to accept the invitation of the Church at Chicopee, to hold the next session of Conference with them.

The Centenary of Methodism occurs in October, 1866; and it is designed to make it a season of special interest and profit to the church. It is well known that recently a Committee appointed by the last General Conference met at Cleveland, to consider the proper action to be taken. Extensive plans were laid out by this Committee, and propositions of a magnificent character made for the endowment of educational institutions, and the extension of our denominational interests in various directions. A Committee of three was appointed by the Chair, whose duty it is to consider what part the New-England Conference shall take in the approaching Centenary services.

The remainder of the morning session was occupied by a speech from Rev. Dr. Porter, on the Book Concern, a report on the state of the country, and some remarks by Dr. Durbin on the state of the Missionary Work.

SATURDAY, P.M.

Services commemorative of the deaths of Epaphras Kibby, Charles Baker, and Chester Field, who have deceased during the past year, were held. Addresses were made by Revs. L. Boyden, A. D. Merrill, and L. R. Thayer.

It is found, on examination, that since the organization of the New-England Conference, in 1796, sixty of its members have died. Ten out of sixty have lived to be seventy or more years of age. The youngest died at twenty-three. The shortest term of ministerial service was for three years, in the case of Henry Martin, who entered the ministry in 1805, and died in 1808; the longest, that of Rev. E. Kibby, who entered the Conference in 1798, and died in 1864, thus closing a term of sixty-six years. The average length of the ministerial service of those who have died, connected with the Conference, is twenty and one-quarter years. Of the one hundred and ninety members of Conference, fifty-three have been in the ministry twenty-five years or more; while fifty-eight have seen less than ten years' service. It is estimated that the average duration of active ministerial life among the Methodist denomination is about fourteen years.

Saturday evening was the time appointed for the anniversary of the Conference Tract Society. The introductory services were conducted by Rev. C. N. Smith. Speeches were made by Rev. W. C. Sawyer, Rev. N. H. Martin, and Dr. Durbin.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The Conference love-feast, held at 9 A.M., and presided over by Rev. A. D. Merrill, was an interesting and profitable meeting. At 10½ o'clock, Bishop Baker preached from 1 Tim., i. 11, after which the brethren who had been admitted to full connection with the Conference, and elected to Deacon's orders, were ordained.

The sermon with reference to the ordination of Elders was preached by Rev. Dr. Cummings. His text was Mark xvi. 15. In the evening, the New-England Missionary Society held its anniversary. Bishop Baker presided, and led the devotional exercises. Characteristic and telling speeches were made by Rev. C. W. Cushing, and by Rev. Dr. Durbin.

Dr. Durbin preached, in the morning, at the Prospect Street Congregational Church, from 2 Tim. iv. 1. His subject was, The Judgment.

MONDAY.

The morning session commenced at 8½ o'clock. Rev. C. L. M'Curdy conducted the devotional services.

A communication was received from a meeting of laymen, held last May, favorable to lay representation, which was referred to the Committee on Lay Delegation. Rev. Mr. Cathers made some remarks, of a very interesting character, concerning the work of the Sanitary Commission. Various other matters occupied the morning session until after 11, at which time Geo. Thompson, LL.D., entered the church, and was introduced to the Conference. Being called upon to make some remarks, he spoke for nearly half an hour, thrilling the whole audience with a speech of surpassing power.

After Mr. Thompson's remarks, the journal of Conference was read and approved. Just at this point, a brother arose, and announced that Petersburg was evacuated, and Richmond captured. The official dispatch of Secretary Stanton was read, leaving no room for doubt. The long-expected, the long-prayed-for day had come, and joy could not be restrained; the church rang with applause; all hearts were glad; "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung, and the benediction pronounced; but then the audience did not care to disperse until after singing two stanzas of "Mine eyes have seen the coming of the glory of the Lord," with the Glory Hallelujah Chorus, taken up lustily by the large audience.

Monday, P.M., was the time appointed for the Sabbath-school Anniversary. The audience was addressed by Bros. Brewster, Lewis, and Clark.

Monday evening was devoted to the jubilee and thirtieth anniversary of the Anti-slavery Society of the New-England Conference. This Society was formed in 1835, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty, involving the hatred, and sometimes the persecution, of its members by those high in social and official positions. But, notwithstanding all this, the agitation of the great cause has gone on, until its consummation has been reached.

All things conspired to make the time appropriate. It was a jubilee-day for the nation; everywhere flags were flying, cannon were booming, the peo-

ple were shouting for joy. It is not to be wondered at that, long before the hour of meeting, the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The opening address was made by Rev. James Porter, D.D.

The Hon. George Thompson, LL.D., made one of the best addresses to which we have ever listened. Its reminiscence of the past, its comprehensive views of the present, and its hopeful prophesies of the future of our land were incomparably eloquent.

SEVENTH DAY.

There was a morning and afternoon session of the Conference. Various matters of business were transacted. Reports of Committees were offered and acted upon.

EIGHTH AND LAST DAY.

The Conference met at 8½ o'clock; devotional services by Rev. B. Otheman. After the transaction of the usual amount of items of business at the close of the session, such as votes of thanks to the good people of Cambridge and Somerville, and the various Railroads favoring the members of the Conference, the 221st hymn was sung, and Rev. A. D. Merrill offered prayer; the Bishop made a few brief remarks to the Conference, and closed by reading the Appointments.

HON. GEORGE THOMPSON, LL.D.

The following Resolution of Thanks was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote:—

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Hon. George Thompson, LL.D., for his exceedingly eloquent addresses at this session; that we gratefully recognize the goodness of Almighty God in preserving his life, that he might witness and enjoy the fruit of his labors from his youth up, in the divine cause of Freedom and Humanity; that we yet more thankfully recognize the same gracious Providence, in bringing so near to its consummation the work for which he thus early and gloriously toiled and suffered, assured that, as this Nation regards with undying respect and affection that young French Noble who sacrificed position and prospects at home to identify himself with the cause of Liberty and the Rights of Man, imperilled in our Revolutionary struggle, even so will she admire the young Englishman of wealth and position, who endured a far greater fight, against far greater foes, in an equally grand cause. The names of Lafayette and George Thompson will stand together in the gratitude and praise of our future generations.

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NOTE. It is desirable that notice be given the Trustees when bequests are made.

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Revs. G. Haven, B. Otheman, J. Porter, T. Marcy, P. Crandall, N. Fellows, M. P. Webster, G. Sutherland, D. K. Merrill, D. Dorchester, and J. H. Twombly.

ON MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Revs. W. P. Blackmer, F. Fisk, B. K. Peirce, D. Atkins, and W. C. Brown, L. Hull,
F. A. Clapp and T. Turner, Esq's.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Revs. Henry Baker, H. P. Satchwell, S. Chapin, W. Merrill, J. Noon, A. Gould,
J. Smith, L. T. Townsend, B. Judd, N. F. Stevens, W. J. Pomfret, J. Clark.

ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OUR CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

G. Haven, G. M. Steele, L. D. Barrows, N. E. Cobleigh, W. R. Clark.

ON LAY DELEGATION.

Revs. J. H. Twombly, G. Haven, W. Gordon, H. W. Warren, J. Cummings, and
W. C. Brown, L. Hull, C. C. Corbin, Josiah Hayden, and Hon. E. F. Porter, Esq's.

TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Revs. E. A. Manning, W. D. Bridge, J. L. Estey, and J. P. Magee, Esq.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First year.—W. H. Hatch, A. O. Hamilton, M. E. Wright, J. L. Hanaford.

Second year.—D. E. Chapin, D. Richards, L. Crowell, Z. A. Mudge.

Third year.—E. Cooke, J. A. M. Chapman, A. McKeown, E. S. Best.

Fourth year.—W. S. Studley, J. H. Twombly, J. H. Mansfield, P. Wood.

To examine Candidates for Admission on Trial.—The P. Elder and Preacher in Charge.

To examine Local Preachers for Deacons' and Elders' Orders.—L. R. Thayer, Justin S.
Barrows, J. Noon.

PREACHERS OF ANNUAL SERMONS.

Annual Conference Sermon.—N. E. Cobleigh.

On Ministerial Education.—L. R. Thayer.

On Sunday Schools.—P. Wood.

Missionary Sermon.—W. R. Clark; *alternate*, F. Furber.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

TO RECEIVE BENEVOLENT MONEYS, EXCEPT FOR MISSIONS, AND TO COLLECT THE
CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

H. M. Loud, A. O. Hamilton, W. M. Ayers, H. Baker, E. J. Moore.

TO NOMINATE THE STANDING COMMITTEES AT NEXT CONFERENCE.

E. A. Manning, L. D. Barrows, W. H. Hatch, G. Haven, J. W. F. Barnes.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Who are admitted on Trial?

Charles W. Wilder,	John A. Lansing,	Franklin G. Morris,
Wesley C. Sawyer,	Chas. D. Hills,	Thomas B. Wood.
B. Weed Gorham, re-admitted as Elder.		

II. Who remain on Trial?

Miles R. Barney,	John R. Pendell,	Frank C. Morse.
Lorenzo A. Bosworth,	Augustine Caldwell,	

III. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Watson M. Ayres,	William D. Bridge,	C. Henry Newell,
Edwin S. Snow,	Osmon W. Adams,	Charles H. Vinton,
Edwin S. Chase,	Charles T. Johnson,	Alonzo Sanderson.

IV. Who are the Deacons? [Those marked with a star (*) were ordained
this year.]

*Chas. T. Johnson,	*Alonzo Sanderson,	Osmon W. Adams,
*Edwin S. Chase,	Charles H. Vinton,	Luther T. Townsend,
*Wm. D. Bridge,	Oliver S. Butler,	George Hewes,
	Ezra D. Winslow.	

V. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Sanford B. Sweetser,	Watson M. Ayres,	Porter M. Vinton,
Thomas C. Potter,	George Whitaker,	C. Henry Newell.
J. Henry Owens,	Nathaniel F. Stevens,	

VI. Who have located this year? None.

VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Edward Otheman,	I. S. Cushman,	C. H. Sewall,
J. W. Dadmun,	G. W. Mansfield,	H. V. Degen.
H. M. Loud,	W. Butler,	

VIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

David Kilburn,	H. Moulton,	H. C. Dunham,
E. F. Newell,	T. G. Brown,	W. Smith,
Jacob Sanborn,	E. Scott,	A. A. Cook,
T. W. Tucker,	G. F. Cox,	H. P. Hall,
Isaac Jennison,	C. S. Macreading,	J. M. Merrill,
Phineas Crandall,	S. A. Cushing,	N. A. Soule,
A. D. Merrill,	M. P. Webster,	K. Atkinson,
N. S. Spaulding,	E. B. Morgan,	H. R. Parmenter,
A. Binney,	L. Boyden,	O. S. Howe,
S. Puffer,	W. A. Clapp,	J. W. Coolidge.

IX. Who have been expelled from the Connection this year?

Ans. None.

X. Who have withdrawn from the Connection this year?

Ans. None.

XI. Were the Preachers' Characters examined?

Ans. This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

XII. Who have died this year?

E. Kibby,	Charles Baker,	Chester Field.
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XIII. What is the number of Church Members, and of Probationers?—

What has been contributed for the support of Missions? What for the Sunday School Union? What for the Tract Society? What for the Amer. Bible Soc.?

Ans. Members, 18,070; Probationers, 2,044; For Missions, \$18,784.50; Sunday School Union, \$410.41; Tract Society, \$569.36; Bible Soc. \$701.67.

XIV. What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?

Ans. \$5000.

XV. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

For answer to this question, see Report of P. A. Committee.

XVI. Where shall our next Conference be held?

Ans. At Chicopee.

XVII. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Ans.

BOSTON DISTRICT.

JEFFERSON HASCALL, *Presiding Elder.*

Boston, Hanover Street.....John A. M. Chapman.

“ Bromfield Street.....Willard F. Mallalieu.

“ Church Street.....Samuel Tupper.

“ North Russell Street.....Gilbert Haven.

oston, Tremont Street.....	William S. Studley.
“ Meridian Street.....	Lorenzo R. Thayer.
“ Saratoga Street.....	Albinus O. Hamilton.
“ Centenary Church.....	Edward A. Manning.
“ Dorchester Street.....	Edward W. Virgin.
“ Mariners’ Church.....	Edward T. Taylor.
“ Revere Street.....	To be supplied by J. McKay.
Chelsea, Walnut Street.....	Lorenzo D. Barrows.
“ Mount Bellingham.....	J. W. H. Ames.
Winthrop.....	Porter M. Vinton.
Roxbury.....	George Whitaker.
Jamaica Plain.....	Charles H. Sewall, sup.
Dorchester.....	Charles S. Rogers.
Neponset.....	George Sutherland.
Quincy Point.....	Zachariah A. Mudge.
Dedham.....	William P. Blackmer.
Walpole and Foxboro’.....	Joseph C. Cromack.
Newton Corner.....	William G. W. Lewis.
Newton Upper Falls.....	Jonas M. Bailey.
Newtonville.....	George Prentice.
Natick, First Church.....	Augustus F. Bailey.
“ Second Church.....	Watson M. Ayres.
Saxonville.....	Albert Gould.
Holliston.....	Austin F. Herrick.
Hopkinton.....	Linus Fish.
Milford.....	Joseph Scott.
West Medway.....	Charles W. Wilder.
Mendon.....	Augustine Caldwell.
Westboro’.....	Increase B. Bigelow.
Marlboro’.....	Ichabod Marcy.
Rock Bottom.....	William J. Hambleton.
Feltonville.....	William W. Colburn.
Sudbury.....	To be supplied by Philo Gorton.

James Porter, Assistant Book Agent at New York.

Joseph Cummings, President Wesleyan University; member of Bromfield Street Quarterly Conference.

John W. Merrill, Professor in Bib. Institute, Concord; member of North Russell Street Quarterly Conference.

Fales H. Newhall, Professor in Wesleyan University; member of Hanover Street Quarterly Conference.

Nelson E. Cobleigh, Editor of Zion’s Herald.

LYNN DISTRICT.

AARON D. SARGEANT, *Presiding Elder.*

Lynn, Common Street.....	John H. Twombly.
“ St. Paul’s and Nahant.....	B. W. Gorham.
“ South Street.....	Solomon Chapin.
“ Maple Street.....	Nathan D. George.
“ Boston Street.....	Frederic Woods.
Swampscott.....	Moseley Dwight.
Charlestown, Trinity Church.....	Charles N. Smith.
“ Union Church.....	Justin S. Barrows.
Somerville.....	J. Henry Owens.
Cambridge, East.....	Wm. H. Hatch.
“ Harvard Street.....	Henry W. Warren.
Lowell, St. Paul’s.....	Samuel F. Upham.

owell, Worthen Street	J. Oramel Peck.
“ Central Church.....	Andrew M'Keown.
Weston	J. W. P. Jordan.
Waltham	Cyrus L. Eastman.
Watertown	Luther T. Townsend.
Woburn	Matthew M. Parkhurst.
Stoneham and South Reading.....	Thos. C. Potter.
North Reading	To be supplied.
Malden and Maplewood.....	J. W. F. Barnes, Wesley C. Sawyer.
Melrose	Henry Baker.
Medford	David Sherman.
Saugus, East.....	Thomas Marcy.
Cliftondale.....	Daniel Wait.
Salem.....	Loranus Crowell.
Marblehead.....	Bartholomew Otheman.
South Danvers.....	Sanford B. Sweetser.
Hamilton	To be supplied.
Ipswich	Isaac J. P. Collyer.
Newburyport, Liberty Street.....	La Roy S. Brewster.
“ Purchase Street.....	Jarvis A. Ames.
Byfield.....	Oliver S. Butler.
Gloucester, Elm Street.....	William C. High.
“ Riverdale.....	William F. Lacount.
Rockport.....	To be supplied by A. B. Wheeler.
Topsfield.....	Franklin G. Morris.
North Andover.....	Geo. E. Chapman.
Ballardvale.....	John G. Day.
Groveland.....	To be supplied by E. Peaslee.
Auburndale	Stephen Cushing.

William R. Stone, Chaplain to Middlesex House of Correction.

J. Emory Round, Missionary to North Carolina.

B. K. Peirce, Chaplain to House of Refuge, Harlem, N.Y.

WORCESTER DISTRICT.

DANIEL DORCHESTER, *Presiding Elder.*

Worcester, Park Street.....	John H. Mansfield.
“ Laurel Street.....	Samuel Kelley.
“ Webster Square.....	William Pentecost.
Shrewsbury	Charles T. Johnson.
Grafton	To be supplied.
New England Village.....	Franklin Fisk.
Millbury and Sutton.....	Nathaniel H. Martin.
Whitinsville.....	William A. Braman.
Cherry Valley.....	George Hewes.
Oxford	Daniel E. Chapin.
Dudley.....	Thomas B. Treadwell.
Webster.....	James W. Mowry.
Southbridge.....	Joseph W. Lewis.
Charlton	Abraham M. Osgood.
Spencer	M. Emory Wright.
Brookfield.....	John Smith.
East Brookfield.....	Miles R. Barney.
West Brookfield.....	William M. Hubbard.
North Brookfield	Edwin S. Snow.
Warren.....	Frederic T. George.

Monson	Hiram P. Satchwell.
Wales.....	John Noon.
Ware.....	William Merrill.
Hardwick.....	Jonathan L. Estey.
Barre.....	Converse L. M'Curdy.
Hubbardston.....	Chas. H. Vinton.
Templeton.....	Chas. H. Newell.
Winchendon.....	Edward S. Best.
Ashburnham.....	John A. Lansing.
Fitchburg.....	Geo. M. Steele.
Leominster.....	Thos. J. Abbott.
Lunenburg.....	Supplied by C. R. Harding.
Townsend.....	Burtis Judd.
Clinton.....	Edwin S. Chase.
Berlin.....	To be supplied.
Princeton.....	To be supplied by S. R. Bailey.
Oakdale.....	Daniel Atkins.
Oakham and Rutland.....	To be supplied.
Athol Depot.....	John Capen.
South Royalston and Phillipston.....	Supplied by Horace W. Carter.

W. G. Leonard, Chaplain in the Army; member of Clinton Quarterly Conference.

Rodney Gage, Chaplain in the Army; member of North Prescott Quarterly Conference.

Ezra D. Winslow, Chaplain in the Navy; member of Ware Quarterly Conference.

T. Willard Lewis, Missionary to the South.

Jonas M. Clark, Agent of Christian Commission; member of Ashburnham Quarterly Conference.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

RALPH W. ALLEN, *Presiding Elder* (P. O. Wilbraham, Mass.).

Springfield, Union Street.....	Nelson Stutson.
" Pynchon Street.....	William R. Clark.
" Asbury Chapel.....	Pliny Wood.
East Longmeadow.....	William Rice.
South Wilbraham.....	James S. Thomas.
Wilbraham.....	Edward Cooke.
Ludlow.....	William J. Pomfret.
Jenksville.....	Supplied by Samuel A. Cushing.
Chicopee.....	Jeremiah L. Hanaford.
Chicopee Falls.....	Supplied by Joseph H. Mansfield.
Holyoke and South Hadley Falls.....	John Peterson.
Feeding Hills and Agawam.....	Supplied by S. O. Brown and G. D. Brown.
Southwick.....	Randall Mitchell.
Westfield.....	Daniel Richards.
" West Parish.....	Supplied by Jared Brackett.
Blandford.....	John H. Gaylord.
North Blandford.....	John R. Pendell.
Chester.....	Edson J. Moore.
Worthington.....	Lorenzo A. Bosworth.
Montgomery.....	Nathaniel F. Stevens.
Southampton.....	Nathaniel Fellows.
Northampton.....	Charles D. Hills.

Easthampton	Samuel Jackson.
Williamsburg	Alonzo Sanderson.
Savoy and Cummington	To be supplied.
Charlemont	Nathaniel J. Merrill.
Heath and Rowe	Supplied by C. N. Merrifield.
Coleraine	William B. Toulmin.
Buckland	William D. Bridge.
Shelburne Falls	David K. Merrill.
Greenfield	Franklin Furber.
Gill and Bernardston	Osmon W. Adams.
South Deerfield	Supplied by W. H. Smith.
Lock's Village	Supplied by J. M. Hascall.
North Prescott	Supplied by M. C. Chapin.
South Athol and North Dana	Supplied by J. J. Woodbury.
Pelham	John Cadwell.
Enfield	Daniel K. Banister.
South Amherst and North Amherst ..	John Jones.
Leyden	To be supplied.
Palmer	Charles H. Hanaford.
Belchertown	William Gordon.
South Belchertown	Andrew Baylies.

Gilbert R. Bent, Agent of U. S. Christian Commission; member of Enfield Quarterly Conference.

Edward Cooke, Principal, Lorenzo White and Thomas B. Wood, Teachers in Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham; members of Wilbraham Quarterly Conference.

Hector Brownson, Agent of American Bible Society.

Charles Noble, Agent of Christian Commission.

Miner Raymond, transferred to Rock River Conference.

John N. Mars, transferred to Washington Conference.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FROM THE NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

1804.

George Pickering, Joshua Taylor, Thomas Lyell, Reuben Hubbard.

1808.

George Pickering, Joshua Soule, Elijah R. Sabin, Oliver Beale, Martin Ruter, Elijah Hedding, Thomas Branch, — 7.

1812.

George Pickering, Oliver Beale, Elijah Hedding, Joshua Soule, William Stevens, Asa Kent, Solomon Sias, Joel Winch, Daniel Webb, — 9.

1816.

George Pickering, Joshua Soule, Elijah Hedding, Oliver Beale, Martin Ruter, Asa Kent, Philip Munger, Joseph Annis Merrill, Solomon Sias, Charles Virgin, Eleazer Wells, David Kilburn, — 12.

1820.

George Pickering, Elijah Hedding, Timothy Merritt, Martin Ruter, Joseph Annis Merrill, Erastus Otis, Daniel Fillmore, Solomon Sias, David Kilburn, Oliver Beale, — 10.

1824.

George Pickering, Elijah Hedding, Timothy Merritt, Enoch Mudge, Joseph Annis Merrill, David Kilburn, John Lindsay, Wilbur Fisk, Elisha Streeter, Ebenezer Blake, Edward Hyde, Eleazer Wells, John Wesley Hardy, Benjamin R. Hoyt, — 14.

1828.

George Pickering, Timothy Merritt, John Lindsay, Edward Hyde, Joseph Annis Merrill, Benjamin R. Hoyt, Jacob Sanborn, John Wesley Hardy, Daniel Dorchester, Wilbur Fisk, Daniel Fillmore, Isaac Bonney, John F. Adams, Joseph B. White, John Lord, Lewis Bates, Thomas C. Pierce, — 17.

1832.

George Pickering, Wilbur Fisk, Timothy Merritt, Isaac Stoddard, John Lindsay, Daniel Webb, Orange Scott, Bartholomew Otheman, Shipley W. Wilson, Benjamin F. Lambord, Daniel Fillmore, Joel Steele, Abraham D. Merrill, Frederick Upham, — 14.

1836.

Orange Scott, Isaac Bonney, Phineas Crandall, Charles Virgin, Joseph Annis Merrill, Daniel Fillmore, Daniel Webb, — 7.

1840.

Jotham Horton, Joseph Annis Merrill, Orange Scott, Phineas Crandall, Frederick Upham, Ezekiel W. Stickney, Abraham D. Merrill, — 7.

1844.

James Porter, Dexter S. King, Phineas Crandall, Charles Adams, George Pickering, — 5.

1848.

Jonathan D. Bridge, Miner Raymond, James Porter, Phineas Crandall, Mark Trafton, Aaron D. Sargeant, — 6.

1856.

Miner Raymond, James Porter, Loranus Crowell, William Rice, Lorenzo R. Thayer, Thomas Marcy, Daniel K. Banister, — 7.

Reserves — J. D. Bridge, J. H. Twombly, W. H. Hatch, M. Dwight.

1860.

Erastus Otis Haven, Miner Raymond, James Porter, John H. Twombly, William H. Hatch, Daniel E. Chapin, — 6.

Reserves — David Sherman, Lorenzo R. Thayer, — 2.

1864.

James Porter, David Sherman, John H. Twombly, Joseph Cummings, Miner Raymond, Ralph W. Allen, — 6.

Reserves — Lorenzo R. Thayer, Gilbert Haven.

STATISTICS OF BOSTON DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1865.

Stations.	NUMBERS.			BAPT'SMS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										SAB. SCHOO				SALARY.						
	Members.	Deaths.	Prob'ners.	Lo. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference.	Missions.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	New Eng. Ed. Socy.	Biblical Institute.	Church Aid.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Receipts.					
Boston, Hanover Street..	336	11	40	1	12	8	1	\$75,000	1	8,000	\$120	\$368	\$10	\$8	\$60	\$16	\$18	\$70	\$33	10	\$58	1	60	530	1,000	\$850	\$1,650			
Do. Bromfield Street	420	8	24	8	4	4	1	75,000	1	8,000	93	75	20	60	40	31	20	11	49	25	197	50	33	217	425	600	2,100			
Do. Church Street...	250	3	35	1	3	2	1	30,000	1	3,000	90	141	50	6	10	50	7	50	10	6	9	1	38	233	636	500	1,500			
Do. N. Russell St...	225	1	20	1	1	1	2	50,000	1	5,000	75	05	17	22	34	70	12	50	11	53	50	37	47	462	950	1,200				
Do. Meridian Street..	360	1	22	1	1	1	1	18,000	1	1,800	100	475	12	50	5	5	4	14	14	14	82	18	57	427	1,050	1,200				
Do. Bennington St...	176	2	20	1	8	1	1	25,000	1	2,500	92	25	12	5	5	5	4	14	14	14	28	1	50	389	943	250	1,000			
Do. Dorchester St...	119	1	24	1	5	1	1	14,000	1	1,400	25	...	7	25	...	5	5	5	5	28	1	28	164	340	800	800				
Do. Centenary Ch...	250	2	20	1	3	1	3	7,200	1	7,200	48	240	9	11	50	4	75	5	3	48	40	32	250	300	250	1,100				
Do. Tremont Street..	187	1	5	4	3	7	1	100,000	1	10,000	165	17	15	06	13	12	23	20	23	155	1	32	250	1,000	517	2,367				
Do. Revere St. Mis'n	84	2	20	1	1	20	1	4,000	1	4,000	7	...	15	06	13	12	23	20	23	155	1	32	250	1,000	517	2,367				
Chelsea, Walnut Street.	341	4	18	1	8	5	1	25,000	1	2,500	130	43	10	50	34	27	19	80	21	10	35	15	1	40	320	900	1,500			
Do. Mt. Beltingham	225	5	27	1	12	2	1	21,000	1	2,100	27	01	250	13	45	9	54	5	83	8	31	07	1	40	375	600	1,000			
Winthrop	52	5	5	1	5	1	1	1,500	1	1,500	8	46	56	3	26	2	41	2	55	3	02	1	12	170	481	500	1,465			
Roxbury	284	2	10	1	10	3	1	1,500	1	1,500	75	404	22	23	23	5	26	27	23	20	23	20	1	12	170	481	500			
Jamaica Plain	98	2	3	1	2	1	1	5,700	1	5,700	50	91	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	35	200	185	675	675				
Dorchester	102	2	3	1	3	1	1	5,700	1	5,700	50	91	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	35	200	185	675	675				
Quincy Point	75	1	8	1	1	1	1	3,500	1	3,500	10	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	147	604	150	900	900				
Dedham	63	3	2	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	15	15	1	15	1	2	1	1	1	1	31	200	650	150	700	700				
Walpole and Foxboro'.	97	1	22	1	15	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	21	102	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	5	4	25	1	14	101	317	100	600		
Newton Upper Falls..	105	2	18	1	4	2	1	8,000	1	8,000	44	30	55	75	16	85	8	50	7	15	25	1	19	110	456	140	740			
Newtonville	58	2	10	2	4	1	1	18,000	1	1,800	76	19	130	75	16	85	8	50	7	15	25	1	19	110	456	140	740			
Holliston	182	6	1	1	1	1	1	7,000	1	7,000	40	70	87	76	12	50	9	22	45	57	41	65	1	16	113	437	150	850		
Saxtonville	110	5	1	2	2	1	1	7,000	1	7,000	40	70	87	76	12	50	9	22	45	57	41	65	1	16	113	437	150	850		
Natick, 1st Church	74	31	1	1	8	2	1	7,000	1	7,000	30	41	129	13	85	7	14	9	86	6	38	1	27	279	440	150	850			
" 2d Church	60	23	12	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	5	12	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	28	07	1	23	125	600	100	700	700		
Hopkinton	110	4	1	1	12	1	1	7,000	1	7,000	7	32	3	2	30	1	60	1	50	3	9	1	16	110	385	95	600	600		
Millford	142	4	3	1	9	1	1	9,000	1	9,000	51	28	142	38	23	53	2	9	12	3	5	40	1	16	110	385	95	600		
West Medway	47	2	5	1	4	2	1	2,300	1	2,300	42	150	2	25	7	2	4	56	9	12	2	25	1	23	174	832	150	700	950	
Mendon	47	1	1	1	4	2	1	2,300	1	2,300	8	150	2	25	7	2	4	56	9	12	2	25	1	23	174	832	150	700	950	
Westboro'	35	4	1	1	4	1	1	6,000	1	6,000	3	15	9	25	16	5	4	1	4	4	5	1	17	127	700	525	511	511		
Marlboro'	96	1	11	1	2	1	1	6,000	1	6,000	9	68	65	4	16	5	4	1	4	4	5	1	10	74	430	75	228	228	228	
Rockbottom and Feltonville.	88	2	19	1	2	7	1	4,000	1	4,000	35	43	1	6	1	1	5	6	6	4	4	1	15	108	350	100	650	650		
Sudbury	55	3	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	5	05	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	1	12	65	454	40	500	500	
Neponset	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	50	600	100	650	650		
	4946	67	507	21	152	78	32	546,700	10	25,100	1514	74	6,025	14	200	44	276	11	151	60	241	57	846	12	33	819	6391	18,709	5,427	29,835
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STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1865.

	350	8	20	8	1	\$25,000	1	\$5,000	\$106 73	\$1,414 83	\$32 26	\$12 88	\$22 12	\$20	\$13 51	\$94 17	1	60	1,100	\$30	\$1,500
Lynn, Common Street...	224	2	48	1	20	15,000	1	2,000	54 50	73	2 50	2 43	5 88	2 52	2 81	1 86	1	34	261	800	\$1,500
Do. St. Paul's.....	180	4	2	6	3	8,400	1	1,600	28 15	156 19	8 12	4 10	3 88	2 30	5 2	9 01	1	38	170	760	1,300
Do. South Street.....	122	2	11	3	3	2,000	1	2,500	45 25	23 41	3 10	3 77	1 79	2 93	12	9 01	1	23	183	75	600
Do. Maple Street.....	208	2	15	10	1	15,000	1	2,500	80	*1,147	5	3 50	5	7	12	49 40	2	23	322	650	1,100
Do. Boston Street.....	70	3	10	8	3	10,000	1	2,500	7 25	14 25	1	1	5	7	12	2 50	2	16	113	800	650
Swampscott.....	215	4	12	2	4	25,000	1	2,500	85	362	5 25	22	8	14	16	71 30	2	40	602	1,000	1,200
Charlestown, Trinity Ch.	220	2	17	1	2	20,000	1	2,500	140 02	400	5 25	22	8	14	16	71 30	2	40	602	1,000	1,200
Do. Union Church.....	59	2	17	1	5	8,000	1	2,500	34 100	100	5 25	22	8	14	16	71 30	2	40	602	1,000	1,200
Somerville.....	139	2	3	1	5	8,000	1	2,500	34 100	100	5 25	22	8	14	16	71 30	2	40	602	1,000	1,200
Cambridge, East.....	278	6	12	10	4	10,000	1	3,500	25 40	61	6 20	4	5	13	11 52	8 13	1	25	171	570	1,100
Do. Harvard St.....	439	9	64	5	16	30,000	1	5,000	102 57	512	7 51	20 09	9 66	16 20	19 44	65	1	32	269	715	1,600
Lowell, St. Paul's.....	268	50	8	50	9	18,000	1	3,500	32 74	74	5	4	5	13	11 52	123 18	3	57	637	800	1,500
Do. Worthen Street.....	300	4	75	1	44	20,000	1	3,500	70	74	4	4	5	13	11 52	123 18	3	57	637	800	1,500
Do. Central Church.....	88	3	1	1	1	3,000	1	1,500	14 25	28	3 40	1	1	1	6 75	10	1	36	320	900	1,200
Weston.....	183	8	10	2	5	17,000	1	3,000	38 66	66 79	6 15	8 45	2 02	2 81	6 84	17 11	1	24	200	600	900
Waltham.....	90	1	11	1	1	10,000	1	3,000	39	140	3	9	17	4	8 44	5	1	18	118	1,040	900
Watertown.....	22	1	4	4	4	10,000	1	3,000	9	43 10	3	9	17	4	8 44	5	1	18	118	1,040	900
Andover.....	60	5	4	1	2	15,000	1	3,000	70	575 50	2 21	3 60	3 60	2 21	9 35	58 75	1	19	161	200	350
Stoneham.....	42	2	22	1	1	15,000	1	3,000	7	6	2 21	3 60	3 60	2 21	9 35	58 75	1	19	161	200	350
Malden.....	162	3	6	3	7	3,500	1	1,200	89	265	9 74	7 75	5 72	10 20	9 35	58 75	1	19	161	200	350
Maplewood.....	31	2	1	1	2	16,000	1	1,200	30	333	4 50	5 08	5	5	4 50	55	1	16	190	700	1,000
Melrose.....	163	2	1	12	4	7,000	1	1,200	40 59	73	4 50	5 08	5	5	4 50	55	1	16	190	700	1,000
Medford.....	103	7	12	3	3	12,000	1	1,200	30	333	4 50	5 08	5	5	4 50	55	1	16	190	700	1,000
East Saugus.....	90	3	2	1	1	7,000	1	1,200	26 51	91	6 50	4	3 86	2	4 08	10	1	36	309	600	850
Cliftondale.....	64	1	7	1	1	12,000	1	1,200	28 37	67	2	4	4	4	4 15	10	1	36	309	600	850
Salem.....	210	1	30	14	2	4,000	1	1,500	10 15	58	6 53	7	5	9 25	14	10 25	1	19	172	700	1,000
Marblehead.....	150	3	3	4	6	10,000	1	1,500	4	15	6 53	7	5	9 25	14	10 25	1	19	172	700	1,000
South Danvers.....	100	18	3	4	1	18,500	1	1,500	80	420 30	6 53	7	5	9 25	14	10 25	1	19	172	700	1,000
Ipswich.....	256	7	21	1	3	4,000	1	1,500	11 40	25	5	3	2	2	5	2	1	14	135	250	600
Newburyport, Liberty St.	156	3	16	6	6	4,000	1	1,500	11 40	25	5	3	2	2	5	2	1	14	135	250	600
Do. Purchase St.....	71	1	6	6	6	15,000	1	1,500	12	12	9	12	6	8 40	10 10	32	1	31	254	300	900
Brfield.....	64	24	6	8	24	8,000	1	1,500	52	186	9	12	6	8 40	10 10	32	1	31	254	300	900
Gloucester, Elm Street ..	249	7	7	1	1	3,000	1	1,500	40 06	60	3 75	2	2	2	15	320	1	15	158	400	518
Do. Riverdale.....	95	2	7	1	1	3,000	1	1,500	40 06	60	3 75	2	2	2	15	320	1	15	158	400	518
Rockport.....	55	1	29	1	1	2,000	1	1,200	8	20	1 50	3	3	3	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
Topsfield.....	60	3	3	1	1	3,000	1	1,500	9 50	15 55	3	3	3	3	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
North Andover.....	30	1	1	2	5	1,500	1	1,500	5	5	3	3	3	3	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
Ballardvale.....	27	1	6	1	1	1,500	1	1,500	5	5	3	3	3	3	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
Groveland.....	27	1	7	1	2	1,500	1	1,500	5	5	3	3	3	3	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
Hamilton.....	27	1	7	1	2	1,500	1	1,500	5	5	3	3	3	3	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
Newton Corner.....	24	1	9	1	1	1,500	1	1,500	30	77	6	6	6	6	18	65	1	18	170	300	500
	5853	114	618	31	253	394,900	17	36,700	1509 46	7,263 72	151 25	194 78	109 65	148 10	180 72	1,621 56	46	1095	8544	22,123	34,728

* \$1,000 from E. H. Johnson.

† \$62 from Mrs. A. H. Sweet, to educate an orphan in India.

‡ \$75 a legacy of Mrs. Mary W. Drake.

STATISTICS OF WORCESTER DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1865.

Stations.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISTS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							SAB. SCHOOLS.			SALARY.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Prob'ners.	L. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Churches.	Conferences.	Missions.	Tract Soc.	Bible Soc.	S. S. Union.	New Eng. Ed. Soc.	Biblical Institute.	Church Aid.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Receipts.
Worcester, Park Street	368	8	18	2	7	1	1	\$13,000	1	\$2,500	\$45 30	\$700	\$14 33	\$24 62	\$13 17	3 30	\$3 30	\$23 18	\$82	1	47	350	657	\$175	\$1,200	\$1,200
Do. Laurel Street	137	4	14	1	22	1	1	7,500	1	1,200	48	145	3 30	5 50	3 30	3 30	6 70	50	11	1	18	130	700	200	9,400	1,000
Do. Webster Square	54	1	14	1	6	2	1	7,000	1	1,200	16 40	58	3 65	3 65	3 65	3 65	3	7 16	1	1	21	116	650	100	600	600
Shrewsbury	96	1	2	2	3	1	1	1,200	1	1,200	5	18	1	1	1	1	1	2 05	4	1	9	60	300	100	600	600
New England Village	31	2	3	2	9	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	14	6	1	1	1	1	1	2 05	4	1	17	116	200	75	550	555
Millbury	125	2	22	2	1	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	3	20	2	1	1	1	1	1 80	5	1	15	55	457	100	600	600
Whitinsville	75	2	2	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	3	20	2	1	1	1	1	1 80	5	1	15	55	457	100	600	600
Cherry Valley	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	31 65	34	46	4 08	4 74	1 35	1 35	3	5	1	18	101	450	75	700	700
Oxford	125	1	8	1	2	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	18	60	2	4 5	3 40	2 46	2 46	10	14	1	15	90	650	100	600	600
Dudley	92	1	12	1	2	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	21	75	3	5 25	3 40	3	5	10	14	1	15	90	650	100	600	600
Webster	200	3	28	4	10	3	1	5,000	1	5,000	21	75	3	10 50	3 40	4	6	7 50	19	75	22	174	350	160	750	875
Southbridge	167	2	32	1	39	5	1	4,000	1	4,000	22	45	50	12	4 50	6	3	20	25	20	25	200	747	125	700	700
Charlton City	54	1	22	1	14	1	1	3,500	1	3,500	5	38	20	1 53	1 53	1 53	3	3	8	11	85	300	75	500	500	500
Spencer	75	3	8	8	1	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	15 30	37	25	1 53	1 53	1 53	1	33	11	15	130	400	125	600	700	700
Brookfield	60	1	3	1	1	1	1	2,500	1	2,500	22	22	1	1	1	1	1	10	33	1	11	90	375	400	400	400
East Brookfield	43	4	8	1	1	1	1	2,500	1	2,500	18 50	20	15 55	15 55	15 55	15 55	10	33	1	10	90	350	75	600	600	
West Brookfield	72	2	19	1	8	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	13 50	20	5	5	5	5	10	19	1	12	90	350	75	500	500	
North Brookfield	58	3	10	1	4	1	1	5,000	1	5,000	10	28	50	15 55	15 55	15 55	10	30	1	16	60	200	75	500	500	
Warren	62	43	1	4	1	1	1	7,000	1	7,000	30	64	83	2	5	2	5	2	30	1	14	120	340	80	600	600
Monson	149	5	25	1	12	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	7	18	50	5	2	2	3	27	1	27	220	300	125	700	700	700
Wales	86	3	6	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	14	36	6	6	6	6	4	4 60	1	8	50	384	60	478	490	490
Palmer	103	1	11	1	10	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	15	20	6	6	6	6	2	4 60	1	14	66	200	72	600	705	705
South Belchertown	69	9	9	1	5	1	1	3,500	1	3,500	15	30	3 11	3 11	3 11	2	3	3	1	12	83	250	35	600	600	600
Ware Village	75	1	6	1	3	3	1	6,000	1	1,200	40 50	165	9 27	9 27	8 20	4	19 50	55	1	11	124	450	80	700	725	725
Barre	97	1	15	1	8	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	8	30	3 25	9 27	8 20	1 50	2	12	1	21	180	410	40	500	500	500
Hubbardston	135	7	50	1	9	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	7 10	31	3 28	3 28	3 28	3 28	1 50	2	12	1	22	140	601	60	540	540
East Templeton and Baldwinville	94	1	11	4	1	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	7 10	31	3 28	3 28	3 28	3 28	1 50	2	12	1	22	140	601	60	540	540
Winchendon	171	6	21	1	1	1	1	2,500	1	2,500	19 30	36	86	6	4	4	4 25	8 85	1	16	171	630	200	800	800	800
Ashburnham	122	20	1	1	3	1	1	2,500	1	2,500	15 25	32	56	6	3 75	7	4 25	14 11	1	16	171	630	200	800	800	800
Fitchburg	188	4	10	1	1	1	1	6,000	1	6,000	55 03	212	66	5 70	6 80	12 20	2	12 30	1	23	180	400	100	656	656	656
Leominster	134	1	11	1	6	5	1	2,000	1	2,000	35	116	50	5 5	5 5	5 5	5	25	1	23	180	400	100	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lunenburg	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	3 50	9	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	14	80	400	65	600	600	600
Townsend	70	25	3	1	1	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	1 50	5	2	2	3	75	1 25	1	1	13	120	425	50	450	450	450
Clinton	90	16	1	1	15	1	1	5,000	1	5,000	2	8	2	2	4	1	5	5	1	15	85	450	40	450	450	450
Princeton	62	1	8	1	8	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	10	26	3 50	4	1	2 16	3 15	5	1	11	70	400	40	400	400	400
Oakdale	129	3	10	1	1	1	1	5,000	1	5,000	14 21	50	6	3	1 50	2 16	3 15	21	1	16	150	200	60	550	550	550
Oakham and Rutland	*53	1	1	1	1	2	1	4,000	1	4,000	14 21	50	6	3	1 50	2 16	3 15	21	1	16	150	200	60	550	550	550
	3812	63	515	28	209	25	34	134,900	42	17,000	571 24	2,253	12	150 92	133 49	70 46	53 76	141 59	445 14	35	596	4415	14,712	3,153	21,359	22,442

STATISTICS OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1865.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	NUMBERS.				BAPT'S.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				SALARY.		
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Receipts.
In 1865,	18,070	311	2044	113	794	218	143	1,195,900	55	\$96,250	\$15,606	107,423 00	110,809 00
“ 1864,	17,585	249	1327	95	657	162	137	1,093,600	49	89,600	15,103	90,220 50	88,294 35
Increase,	485	62	717	18	137	56	6	102,300	6	6,650	503	17,202 50	22,514 65
Decrease,													

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

	Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Tract Society.	3rd Society.	S. S. Union.	New England Education Society.	Biblical Institute.	Church Aid Society.
In 1865,	\$4,095 09	\$18,784 50	\$569 36	\$701 67	\$410 41	\$533 33	\$753 83	\$2,954 82
" 1864,	4,078 40	15,115 72	400 75	521 25	359 13	374 77	731 73	2,399 40
Increase,	16 69	3,668 78	168 61	180 42	51 28	158 56	21 60	555 42
Decrease,								

NOTE.—This statement is prepared from the Tables. For Conference Claimants and Missions there are some receipts from other sources not reckoned in the above.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY AND SLAVERY.

Whereas, the civil commotion of our country, in its inception and progress, reveals the underlying laws of God, by which the wrath of man is made to praise him, and the wisdom of man becomes foolishness unto him; and

Whereas, the startling depths of depravity disclosed in the slaveholders' rebellion warn us of the danger of infringement upon inalienable rights, and of conciliation with the "throne of iniquity which frameth mischief by law;" and

Whereas, the heart of the nation has been touched by a sorrow felt throughout all its households; and

Whereas, it becomes those "set for the defence of the gospel" to declare their convictions of the moral lessons which the movements of Providence are designed to inculcate; therefore

Resolved, That we recognize, with profound gratitude and reverence, the manifest interposition of Divine Providence on behalf of our government, in its successful struggle with a rebellion of unexampled atrocity and strength.

Resolved, That this rebellion was inaugurated to break up our republican institutions, and replace them with the effete prerogatives of oriental despotisms, and to perpetuate and strengthen a system of oppression upon the colored race, which tramples in the dust every command of the decalogue, casts opprobrium upon the golden rule, outrages every principle of justice and humanity, and which had fearfully debauched the public conscience, poisoned the fountains of national life, trammelled the enterprises of the Church, weakened the power of the religious press and the pulpit, and cast over our whole land the shadows of moral death.

Resolved, That we here gratefully record our devout congratulations that there has been found a recuperative energy in the nation, by which it has been able, in the solemn hour of its peril, to rally from its accelerated motion toward the vortex of ruin, and lay its course by the chart of eternal justice, as seen in its opportune election to its chief magistracy — and, after four years of stern trial, his re-election to the same office — a man of faith in God, and reverence for his holy laws, and who has stood in the terrible ordeal, like Moses in the wilderness, unperturbed alike by the murmurs of those whom he was to save, and the perils through which alone he could save them; in the action of Congress, and its prompt ratification in State Legislatures, by which the Magna Charta of our liberties is so changed, that thereafter no slave can breathe beneath the national ensign; in the change of the Supreme Judiciary, by which the nation shall never again be disgraced and eriminated by a judicial decision, making the color of the skin a pretext for disfranchising a human being; in the spontaneous support given by the loyal millions to the government in its bloody and protracted struggle; and in the material resources of the country, which have enabled the government to meet its enormous liabilities without the aid of foreign loans.

Resolved, That in view of the purified public sentiment now existing upon the subject of civil freedom, intoning the national life, recasting upon the basis of absolute justice the national policy, infusing new energy into all our humane and religious enterprises, encouraging the promulgation of a whole gospel, causing to be inscribed on the national currency an avowal of trust in God, and girding the nation with moral strength, which shall qualify and commission it to be the great Evangelizer of the nations; and in view of the actual liberation of two millions of bondmen, whose posterity, to the end of time, shall inherit the boon of freedom, we cannot believe that these achievements have been too dearly purchased.

Resolved, That we hail with deep gratitude and exultation the prospect of the speedy and utter extinction of the "sum of all villainies" from the land, and the prospective enfranchisement of the entire colored race within our borders, and that we heartily endorse the position taken by our honored Senator in Congress, demanding that, in all States hereafter represented in the Federal Government, the right of suffrage shall be accorded without distinction of color.

Resolved, That our army and navy, which, by the endurance and bravery of their men, and the skill and efficiency of their officers, have protected the loyal domain from the scourge of war, driven the great Rebellion to its last extremity, vindicated the authority of the government, redeemed the honor of our flag, and taught a wholesome caution to foreign powers, deserve, with their fallen comrades, to be enshrined in the American heart and held in everlasting remembrance.

Your Committee are happy to report that the Sunday-school cause has been favored with unusual prosperity the past year. Nine hundred and sixty-nine Sunday-school scholars have been converted to God, — being an increase of two hundred and sixty-eight over what was reported at our last Conference. So signally has the Sabbath school proved itself to be the nursery of the Church, that it is now attracting the attention and enlisting the energies of the ablest men in the land.

God means the *world* shall be converted. The *divine* and *human* instrumentalities are commensurate to the work. As the *former* can never be lacking, should there be one lost spirit at last, the fearful responsibility must rest somewhere upon earth.

Of all the instrumentalities adapted to the world's conversion, the Sabbath school stands secondary only to the preaching of the word. It is peculiarly *missionary* in its operations, as it proposes preaching the gospel *personally* to every creature. It aims at the very root, taking the human heart just in childhood, and upon its immortal tablet engraving with pen of steel the living truth. Like the coral army in simplicity, it goes forth, but in sublimity heaves up the islands from the deep. It is the humble shepherd-boy that brings down the proud giant of earth! Can we urge too strenuously upon the ministry and membership the importance of this grand institution, and the wonderful facilities here for personal religious enterprise? What glittering crowns may here be won, and worn up through the golden gates of heaven.

How impressible the youthful heart, and how perfectly adapted to the religion of Christ! How early susceptible of moral truth, and what significant comprehension of this in the childhood of Jesus! The Church is beginning to feel that these baptized little ones, that already belong to the kingdom of heaven, need not stray forth into the wilds of Satan in order to become fit candidates for conversion and the Church of God on earth. The action of the last General Conference, and the instructions of the discipline in regard to the religious training of our baptized children, promise the most glorious results. Let these plans be faithfully carried out, and, with the blessing of God, how soon will millions of our youth be redeemed! "In the wilderness will the waters break forth, and streams in the desert, and the ransomed of the Lord will come to him, with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

In conclusion, your Committee would submit the following resolutions:—

1. That as a Conference and a Church we have great reason for thanksgiving and praise to God for the success attending our Sabbath-school cause the past year.
2. That it is highly important to give the utmost attention, in the Sabbath school, as elsewhere, to the *social* habits of our children and those committed to our care; that we impress upon them, faithfully and continually, the importance of totally abstaining from the use of all intoxicating drinks, and from their pioneer and concomitant evil — tobacco.
3. That our Sunday-school Concerts should be conducted, not *merely* to draw a crowd, or to gratify curiosity, or make a display, but to lead the children to Christ.
4. That those who purchase Sabbath-school Libraries would hear less

complaint concerning light literature should they select their books from the catalogues published by the M. E. Church.

5. That frequent concerts of prayer, for the special baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the Sunday school, should be held by every Church in the land.

6. That we cannot commend too highly earnest, spiritual, properly-conducted, District Sabbath-school Conventions—as well as those embracing a few adjacent towns where the schools themselves may largely be represented.

The following persons are presented as District Committees:—

Boston District,	E. A. Manning, South Boston.	Thos. P. Gordon, Boston.
Lynn “	J. W. F. Barnes, Malden.	J. P. Magee, Boston.
Springfield “	J. L. Hanaford, Chicopee.	Cheney Bigelow, Springfield.
Worcester “	C. L. McCurdy, Barre.	F. A. Clapp, Worcester.

ON EDUCATION.

NEW ENGLAND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Ninth Annual Report of this Society shows that it has been in successful operation the past year, and that the importance of its object is coming to be more generally and more highly appreciated by the Church.

Ten young men have received assistance from its funds the past year, six of whom have pursued their studies at the Wesleyan University, and four at the Biblical Institute.

It is expected that a much larger number will apply for aid the ensuing year, some of whom are returned soldiers. These young men having served their country with noble hearts and strong arms at a time when its interests were in peril, and its very existence threatened by the slaveholders' atrocious Rebellion, are now ready to consecrate themselves to the service of the Church in the Christian Ministry. Many of these, being in indigent circumstances, look to the Church for aid to qualify themselves for the great work to which God and the Church are calling them. Shall they look in vain? While other denominations are paying all, or nearly all the expenses of the education of the candidates for their ministry, shall our Church refuse or neglect to render the limited aid contemplated by the New-England Education Society? She can no longer plead a lack of ability to meet this want. We believe when this want shall be so spread before her as to be fully understood, it will be cheerfully and liberally met.

We recommend that an effort be made to raise \$1,000 the ensuing year by the New-England Conference for this Society, and this sum be apportioned to the several Districts as follows:—Boston, \$360; Lynn, \$340; Worcester, \$150; Springfield, \$150; and that the District Stewards be instructed to apportion the sum set to their Districts, to the Societies within their bounds.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

We are happy to learn that this oldest Educational Institution of our Church has enjoyed, during the past year, more than its usual success. At

the close of the last Spring term, the Principal, Dr. Raymond, resigned his position, after more than fifteen (15) years of earnest and successful labor. A successor was immediately secured, upon whose appointment the friends and patrons of the Academy may well congratulate themselves. A better selection could not probably have been made. Already he has more than met the expectations of his friends. The faculty is able, vigorous, and devoted. A higher grade of scholarship, especially in the classical department, now obtains. Its facilities for accomplishing its ends, unsurpassed by any similar institution in New England, commend it to the liberal patronage of the whole public, and particularly of the Methodist community. The number of students in attendance the past year was five hundred and eighteen (518). The property of the school is valued at \$116,774, upon which there is a debt of \$24,000. The Boarding-House, during the early part of the year, owing to the increased price of provisions, failed to pay expenses.

The Institution has two pressing wants: first, the removal of its debt; second, an enlargement of its library. These needs, we hope, will soon be met by the liberal and wealthy of the denomination. Your Committee record, with gratitude, the fact that for most of the year a gracious religious interest has pervaded the school, and nearly one hundred students have been converted to God.

THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,

We are glad to know, pursues with growing efficiency its educational work. While not possessed of the abundant funds with which older similar institutions of the land are favored, we gladly record our belief that the instruction it affords, and the scholarship it produces, are of a superior order. We hope the time is not distant when the munificence of the Church will supply every need of the institution, so that nothing may be wanting to secure the highest success. The generous offer of a well-known and liberal patron of the University, to donate \$25,000 to erect a suitable Library building, upon condition that an equal sum be secured as a Library fund, ought to stimulate the zeal of the friends of education to new efforts. Of this sum, \$15,000 are pledged and the balance of \$10,000 should not be allowed to linger unsubscribed. We urgently request the ministers of our Church to urge upon our young men, who are seeking a thorough education, the advantages of pursuing their studies at Middletown. With renewed confidence, we commend this beloved institution to the patronage of the public, the benevolence of the wealthy, and the prayers of the Church.

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Among the institutions committed to the guardianship of the Church, no one holds a more important relation than the Biblical Institute, which has completed its eighteen years of successful and highly useful labors. This cherished school of the prophets has met with its accustomed success the past year. Fifty-one young men have been pursuing the usual curriculum of theological studies, and thirteen, having completed the course prescribed,

received the honors of graduation, and are now serving as pastors in the work of the gospel ministry.

Your Committee believe that the Church is laid under a debt of gratitude to the able, the faithful, and the laborious men who serve as instructors from year to year in that institution, on scarcely more than half pay. Increased efforts, on the part of both pastors and people, are loudly called for to adequately sustain these self-sacrificing brethren whom we have placed there, until sufficient endowments are secured.

We recommend that the Conference make an effort to raise for this purpose, the present Conference year, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, to be distributed among the Districts as follows:—Boston District, \$400; Lynn, \$400; Worcester, \$200; Springfield, \$200; Total, \$1200.

PROPOSED REMOVAL.

About two years ago, a plan was inaugurated to effect a removal of the Institute to some location near the metropolis of New England. It was thought such a removal would greatly increase its usefulness, by virtue of its more central location, and also more readily secure an adequate endowment. To place the Institute in such new location, and on a safe basis, will require at least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), and, ultimately, five or six hundred thousand.

Encouraging indications already appear that this large sum will, at no remote period, be forthcoming. About eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) have already been raised or pledged towards the endowment, and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) towards the Building Fund. For the balance of this two hundred thousand, the Church is looking largely to the contributions at the approaching Centenary of Methodism, in October, 1866. We hail with pleasure these signs of advancement in the direction of better facilities for ministerial education.

In the language of last year's report: "Permit us, then, to exhort the whole membership and ministry of the patronizing Conferences to most earnest efforts to carry forward to its entire accomplishment this grand scheme for which the Church has waited long, and which now dawns on it with promise of a bright and glorious future."

We recommend the continuance of the Committee appointed by the Conference two years ago, composed of three laymen and three ministers, who are to act in conjunction with similar Committees from other patronizing Conferences, in carrying out the work so auspiciously begun.

COMMITTEES.

We recommend the appointment of the following visiting Committees:—

Wesleyan University.—Rev. Dr. N. E. Cobleigh, Rev. W. F. Mallalieu, and Hon. Wm. Claflin, of Newtonville.—Reserves—Rev. G. M. Steele and J. A. Woolson, of Cambridge.

Biblical Institute.—Rev. J. H. Twombly, Henry Baker, M. M. Parkhurst, G. M. Buttrick, Esq., of Barre, and G. S. Jennings, of Brookfield.

Wesleyan Academy.—Revs. W. R. Clark, L. R. Thayer, D.D., Geo. Prentice, I. J. P. Collyer, B. K. Peirce, James Porter, D.D., Hon. E. F. Porter, of East Boston, E. O. Phinney, of Melrose, F. A. Clapp, of Worcester, Isaac Emerson, of Melrose, E. H. Dunn, of Boston, and E. H. Johnson, of Lynn.

We also recommend the appointment of W. S. Studley, as Vice President, and of Rev. D. Dorchester and W. F. Haven, as Directors of the New-England Education Society.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Still regarding the American Bible Society as one of the grandest agencies for spreading scriptural knowledge over the earth, we gratefully recognize the good providence of God which has enabled it, during all our civil war, to pursue its beneficent labors with ever-increasing success. Its receipts were never larger, its operations never more extensive than now. Its treasury has received from all sources during the past year 560,000 dollars; the societies of this Conference contributing \$545.69. It has printed 1,592,000 copies of the Scriptures, which have been distributed both in our own and in foreign lands—embracing particularly a liberal supply for our soldiers and sailors; for the freedmen in camps and schools; for the prisoners of war in both armies, and even for the people of the Southern States themselves. By all these classes the benefactions of this Society have been received with joy. Especially is this the case among the veterans of our armies, in whom absence from home and church privileges, and the trials and dangers of a military life, have developed a love for the word of God which they never felt before.

This Society is thus scattering over the whole country, north and south, the incorruptible seed of divine truth, whose fruit is already seen in the conversion of many, and which can scarcely fail to produce in the future a still greater harvest of good.

Being, therefore, as heartily as ever, in sympathy with its great objects, appreciating the liberality of its spirit, and having the fullest confidence in the wisdom and prudence of its administration, we resolve

1. That we can in no way promote so effectually the diffusion of Scriptural knowledge over the earth as by contributing to the support of the American Bible Society.

2. That we will heartily commend it to the benevolence of our people, and will take a collection for it in all our charges.

TRACT SOCIETY.

Your Committee would report that we regard next in importance to preaching the Gospel and the circulation of the Bible, the proper distribution of religious tracts. We are happy to learn that the prosperity of the Tract

enterprise during the past year has exceeded any former year of its history. Appeals in behalf of the army and the freedmen have enlisted the sympathies of friends, and increased their contributions. The collections reported from eighty-three stations, within the bounds of this Conference, for the past year amount to \$569.90, being an increase over the previous year of \$169.15. Southbridge took collections for tracts of over a hundred dollars, more than eighty dollars of which were sent to our Tract Society at New York. Taking this unusual collection from this amount, we have a commendable gain of twenty-five per cent.

The soldiers have been much benefited by the reading of tracts. They have eagerly sought them, gathered in groups at times, and listened with interest to their reading, and we have good reason to believe that by this means some of them have been led to the Saviour. We regard this enterprise as one of the great movements of the present age for the reformation of the people. A corps of well-organized and efficient tract distributors are the sharp-shooters of the moral army. Bishop Scott says that he once left the Swearer's Prayer in a man's hat, and it was the instrument of his conversion. Dr. Durbin related at our Tract Anniversary last Saturday evening, that he once dropped in the road, before a drunken man, the Drunkard's Looking-Glass, which, with much difficulty, he picked up and carried home, and, after he became sober, he read it; was first maddened, but afterwards awakened and converted at a camp-meeting to which he went for satisfaction for this supposed insult.

Now, we need much more of this sharp practice on the enemy's entrenchments, — a kind of tactics in which every good man and woman can engage. Our church has excellent provision for this work, both in material and orders. The organization of Tract Societies every where; a collection in all our congregations in behalf of the Tract Society; a committee at the first quarterly meeting conference of each year, whose duty it shall be to devise and execute plans for local tract distribution, are among the recommendations of our discipline. If these directions shall be followed up by faithful and persevering application, they cannot fail of exciting new and enlarged interest in this movement, and make it powerful for usefulness.

But when all this is done, it need not supersede the preacher's efforts in this cause. It is by no means too small a matter for his personal attention. Before he leaves his study for his pastoral visits, he can select from his own tract department, which the present times require to be well supplied, some that he judges will be most serviceable, and, as he leaves them, call attention to them; or, in case he finds it difficult to converse with individuals on religion, as some confessedly do, he might profitably read some selections from his little books, and lose no influence by it.

When he preaches on a particular subject, and desires to follow up and deepen the impression, let him send out tracts after it on the same theme. Thus, scandalous sins can be politely rebuked, awakenings effected, inquirers directed and encouraged, mourners comforted, and the Gospel preached to every creature. Tracts have been circulated at some of our camp-meetings

with good results, and it is recommended that the practice be judiciously continued. Many that attend these meetings are indifferent to the preaching. Some might be reached by this method. Much will no doubt be apparently wasted; but it is the way of bread cast upon the waters, going from our responsibility to God's care, who would, if necessary, waste a world to save a soul.

We expect, by the blessing of God on the faithful efforts of his ministers, that the coming year will be more prosperous than the last; that the increasing demands for the spread of religious knowledge will meet a hearty response, and the active approval of every member of this conference.

TEMPERANCE.

The advance in the interest of the cause of Temperance for the past year shows that the congratulations embodied in your last report were not misplaced. The cause is, to-day, throughout the Commonwealth, rising in interest.

But, as was to be expected, the revival of interest in this virtue is met by a counter-revival of the opposite vice. Our advance is resisted. Rum, with its collateral auxiliaries, is an amazing power in the State; and, as long as its tide is swollen by the constant influx of liquor-loving emigrants, as long as "the love of money," that powerful lust, finds gratification in its sale, and the nervous energies of the people are overtaken by the fierce competitions of thought, business, and pleasure, calling for unnatural stimulation, and the hopes of dram-sellers and other parties interested in the sale of liquors are cheered by the vacillating and intermittent action which of late has characterized the advocacy of temperance, we must expect to meet the most unwearied efforts, and to have arrayed against us the most powerful combinations.

Efforts in our legislative halls, under the championship and through the efforts of a lobbying clergyman, have, unsparingly, been made to substitute a *license* for the present prohibitory law; but, as we believe and are assured, the report of the legislative committee will show them to have proved unavailing. Two of the Boston clergy, — marked indications of the strength of rum in that city, — lifted out of their reticence on the subject by the telling efforts of an agent of the State Temperance Alliance, have evinced their practical fellowship with the fiery foe, one of whom "drinks wine by the grace of God."

The daily press, with its powerful and constant influence, by its comments and strictures from time to time on the movements of the friends of temperance, shows not only the potency and popularity, but also that it is itself a retainer, of the rum power.

The tax on the sale of liquor, imposed by the general government, construed as a license, over-riding and neutralizing our State law of prohibition, — the decision of which construction is now pending in the Supreme Court of the nation, — is another temporary impediment; soon, however, as we believe, to be removed.

Warnings, deep and repeated, from the glorious army, now closing with triumphant effect upon the hordes of treason, of a tendency to inebriation, from the strain of military discipline, the social habits they there form, and from whiskey rations, point out to us the pressing duty of removing from all our towns and cities those places where liquor is sold, which, on their return from the fields of battle and victory, would attract but to ruin.

Our Governor, so deservedly popular for his zeal and ability in sustaining the general government in its efforts to quell the Rebellion, and for his earnest devotion to the cause of human liberty, prompted by motives which, while we deplore, we would not impeach, throws his personal and official influence, as illustrated in a recent scene at the Parker House, and by his repeated veto of the jury bill, against us. We trust that the temperance public of Massachusetts, irrespective of any intellectual ability, or genius, or administrative talent, will, in the case of any public functionaries, who shall, in any way, prove recreant to the claims, either legal or moral, of a high cardinal virtue, ever throw their moral and political power against them.

The State Temperance Alliance, controlling, in great part, the temperance action of the State, is moving, through its various agencies, the legal, moral, and religious elements of our communities. Its plan of auxiliary district organizations, covering, like a net-work, the entire Commonwealth, is, comparatively speaking, a complete success. Its attempt to raise the sum of \$10,000 annually, as a pecuniary basis of operations, to enable it to keep one or more efficient agents in the field, and to publish and circulate what is so much needed, — an attractive and readable temperance literature, — deserves and should receive our active and personal co-operation.

Other organizations, so far as they subserve the healthful and holy purposes of this cause, merit approval and support.

Besides, what with efforts for a State police for the metropolitan city, and for the purging of courts of weak and corrupt attorneys, together with the ever-pressing and necessary duty of agitation and effort in our churches, our Sabbath-schools, and in our communities generally, we are furnished an area broad and varied enough, with demand sufficiently pressing and urgent, to give all full opportunity to employ our spare, and many of our occupied, moments in behalf of this great and vital interest.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

It is of the greatest importance that we should avoid, on the one hand, any laxity of opinion in regard to religious duties, and it is equally essential that we should keep from superstitious observance of any religious rites and ceremonies. The Sabbath, like all other institutions of the Bible, is appointed for the good of man. Every command of God looks to the advantage of the subject; and there is no one of all the divine requirements which can be disregarded without loss.

It is to be remembered, that the Sabbath did not have its origin in the

Mosaic dispensation, nor was it abrogated by the Christian. In Gen. ii. 3, we read that God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it. Clearly, the language here used implies that God made the Sabbath, or seventh day, holy, and devoted it to purposes of a religious and spiritual nature. If we follow the track of history, as found in Genesis, we see that the sacredness of the seventh day was recognized in those early times. Gen. iv. 3, viii. 10-12, xxix. 27. It would be unreasonable in the highest degree to suppose that holy men of old, — like Enoch, who walked with God, like Noah, a preacher of righteousness, — that such men as these disregarded the declaration of God, that the seventh day was blessed and sanctified above all others.

The account found in the 16th chapter of Exodus shows that, in the time of Moses, the Sabbath was a well-known existing institution.

The fact that among the most ancient nations, African, Egyptian, Assyrian, Persian, Hindoo, Greek, and Roman, time was divided into periods of seven days each, points directly to the origin of the Sabbath as having occurred in the very infancy of the race.

The original institution of the Sabbath was re-affirmed in the most emphatic manner by the Divine Lawgiver in the Mosaic dispensation.

In Ex. xx. 8-11 we read: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, &c., &c.

The form of the command closely identifies it with the declaration, that God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it. This command is often repeated in the law and the prophets, showing thus that God considers it a matter of vital consequence.

That the Sabbath was not abrogated by Christ is shown from the fact, that nowhere in his teachings is there the slightest hint given that it was his design to do any thing of the sort.

His healing of the sick on the Sabbath day was shown to be in strict conformity with the provisions of the Mosaic law, which not only allowed that the ox or ass fallen into a pit might be drawn out on the Sabbath, but explicitly commanded it.

Besides, he declares that he came not to destroy the law or the prophets but to fulfil them. Nor did he ever, by the most distant intimation, give us to understand that it was his purpose to reduce the number of the Ten Commandments, or diminish the force of any of them. And there is no more reason to suppose that he did away the Sabbath law, than the sixth or tenth commandment. His fulfilling of the Decalogue was to keep it himself, and by his precepts and example to re-affirm its teachings.

The fact that the day was changed from the seventh to the first day of the week, does not remove our obligation to keep one day in seven as holy time. When we remember that the change was made on account of the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week, every true Christian will rejoice at the change, by which, at the same time, we are able to commemorate the creation of the world, and the redemption of man from the power of sin.

In the Acts and the Epistles, as well as in the early fathers, there is the

clearest evidence that the first day of the week was observed by the celebration of religious worship and services appropriate to the Sabbath.

If asked in regard to the use of the Sabbath, we would say that by it we are reminded that God is the creator and upholder of all things. Again, ever since the morning of the resurrection, it has stood forth as a convincing proof of the grandest fact in human history: viz., that the world was redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus, that the Son of God died on Calvary, that he burst the bars of death, that he rose from the dead, and that he has gone up on high.

The Sabbath is not only a witness of the past, — it is also a prophet of the future. To the believing heart, it speaks of the advancing days of God's glory, when, over seas, and islands, and continents, the sweet songs of Zion shall be wafted on every breeze: and, still further, it foreshadows the time when the innumerable multitude shall be gathered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Besides this, the rest and quiet of the Sabbath are peculiarly adapted to the moral and spiritual culture of the soul.

It cannot be doubted that God holds the Sabbath as most sacred; and it is equally sure that he has made great promises to those who *observe* it, and pronounced severe threatenings on those who break it. Nowhere in the Bible do we find that Sabbath-breaking is tolerated. God's curse rests upon the people or the individual who may disregard his Sabbath.

The history of the past proves that these threatenings of God are no idle words; for, just as strictly as would be consistent with the free agency of man, he has shown his disapproval of those who have trampled his sacred day under foot.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That it is the duty of every minister of Christ, frequently and faithfully to explain and enforce the divine command, Remember the Sabbath day to, keep it holy, &c., &c.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every Christian, both by precept and example, to discountenance all violation of this sacred command, and especially to discourage all Sunday trading and travelling, whether by public or private conveyance.

CHURCH AID SOCIETY.

The principle on which the Church Aid Society proceeds is one announced in Holy Writ, — the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. It was the plan on which the temple at Jerusalem was built. Its vast outlay was not provided for by the city in which it stood. The Aid Society of that day reached out its agencies till every Jew in the State, and in distant lands, had cast in of his abundance or poverty to the treasury of the Lord.

It is the same principle on which we conduct the affairs of our Republic. The defence of Boston is not left to be provided for by its inhabitants. Every backwoodsman, every pioneer two thousand miles away, contributes to the common fund for the common defence.

So every Christian is vitally interested that every one of the bulwarks of the Christian faith, in the whole land, stands strong. It is, in an important sense, a defence of his own position.

The Church Aid Society is a natural outgrowth of the genius of Methodism. Methodism is a unit. Its connectional ties are more numerous and strong than those of any other church in the land. These ties should not only pertain to our oneness of purpose and doctrine, our similarity of practice, our common interest in the superintendency and pastorate, but should also pertain to such a community of property as is necessary to fulfil the divine rule mentioned above.

We rejoice to be able to report such efficient application of this principle during the past year. From the statistics we have been able to gather from fifty societies, the following facts are evident: During the past year the indebtedness of these fifty churches has been liquidated by the payment of \$108,733. Of this sum, \$46,221 has been raised on the principle of this Society, it being collected outside of those churches to whose particular benefit it was to be applied. There yet remains on these fifty reporting churches an indebtedness of \$68,060; opposed to this these fifty churches report their church property as amounting to \$600,000, showing that there remains only eleven per cent of debt. Worcester District shows a singular pre-eminence by having but three churches in debt, and the entire amount of indebtedness being only \$3,000.

During the past year the following societies have received aid under the auspices of this Society: Woburn, Stoneham, and Clinton.

In conclusion, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Conference heartily endorses the object of the Church Aid Society; that the proceedings of the Board of Managers the past year meet our entire approval; that we recommend to the favorable consideration of the Society the churches in Brookfield, Westboro', Liberty St., Newburyport, Holyoke, and Easthampton; that we will receive and assist the agents of the Society in their work of collecting funds; that we earnestly entreat all societies about to build or alter churches, to take counsel of the experience and wisdom of the managers of this Society, in the matter of location, architecture, and all other matters of importance.

The Committee also nominate the following Board of Managers, and corresponding members:—

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF CHURCH AID SOCIETY.

Ministers. — G. Haven, C. N. Smith, J. H. Twombly, Edward Otheman, S. Tupper, L. D. Barrows, E. A. Manning, N. E. Cobleigh.

Laymen. — Hon. Jacob Sleeper, R. Tute, E. F. Porter, J. P. Magee, Pliny Nickerson, M. S. Rice, Liverus Hull, Isaac Emerson, George Plaisted, T. Bagnall, John Bent, F. Rand.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

BOSTON DISTRICT. — Wm. C. Brown, Chelsea; Moses A. Harriman, Holliston; Wm. B. May, Roxbury.

LYNN DISTRICT. — H. Newhall, Lynn; Horace J. Adams, Lowell; A. D. Wait, Ipswich.

WORCESTER DISTRICT. — W. H. Thurston, Oxford; F. A. Clapp, Worcester; E. S. Flint, Ashburnham.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT. — T. Kniel, Westfield; Lewis H. Taylor, Springfield; E. A. Thomas, N. Prescott.

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The Committee on the Maintenance of Public Worship would report :

We find occasion for the expression of gratitude to Almighty God that, during a year most unparalleled in its claims upon the benevolence of a Christian public to meet the exigencies of the needy and suffering on every hand, as well as the claims of our noble Government, in supplying men to strike the final blow to armed rebellion, there has also been a manifest disposition, on the part of the Church generally, to respond more generously to the claims of its ministers. And the increase of the estimates, the reduction in the number and amount of the deficiencies, is deserving of the meed of praise and commendation of this Conference.

And while we accord all due credit for the efforts already made, we would recommend the churches to refrain from countenancing those forms of social entertainment which weaken their moral power, and lower their standard of piety and self-respect; and, so far as practicable, adhere to the plan recommended by the Lay Delegates, and adopted by the Conference in 1860, and re-affirmed at every Conference since that time; and thus secure the support without relying upon any of those doubtful expedients so generally resorted to. Your Committee would recommend the re-affirmation of the following plan :—

1. As early in the Conference year, &c. (see Minutes, 1864.)

Your Committee would also present the following resolution :—

Resolved, That we recommend to the Stewards of the Church to pay the travelling expenses of their preachers immediately on their arrival among them, and make no mention of the payment in the salary, as it is no part of it.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Committee on "Preachers' Aid Society" are highly gratified to be able to report the steadily-increasing hold this Society has upon the confidence and liberality of the church, having increased her contributions one hundred per cent during the last decade. While this by no means meets the necessities of the claimants upon this Society, yet it enables them to express the hope that the time is not far distant when superannuated preachers and their dependent families, who still bless the church with their presence, will have their wants fully met.

The Committee recognize with gratitude the cheerful generosity with which the church responds to the claims of this Society, as a matter of *obligation*, and not simply of *charity*, when properly presented.

The Committee, after mature deliberation upon the wants and necessities of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased brethren, would recommend that the sum of \$5,600 be collected for the purposes of this Society, the ensuing year, as follows: From the Boston District, \$2,000; from the Lynn District, \$2,000; from the Worcester District, \$800; from the Springfield District, \$800. And also that the Presiding Elders request the District Stewards, at their meetings, to apportion the same to their several societies.

The Committee would recommend, as heretofore, the Presiding Elders and the Preachers in Boston, Roxbury, Chelsea, Charlestown, Cambridge, and Somerville, constitute a committee to receive all applications for aid from the funds of the Society.

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That the Preachers be requested to see that a committee is appointed to investigate the circumstances, resources and health of the conference claimants within the bounds of their appointments, according to the requirements of the Discipline, page 254, and present their report to the Committee on "Preachers' Aid Society," at the conference preceding the year for which the appropriation is requested.

Resolved, That when the beneficiaries of this Society do not reside within the limits of any pastoral charge, they be requested to furnish an exhibit of their financial resources, health, and those dependent upon them, and forward the same to the Committee on the "Preachers' Aid Society."

Resolved, That the Conference Committee of the "Preachers' Aid Society" be requested to furnish the "Board of Managers" with the original documents containing reasons for making recommendations, and for making changes in the amounts appropriated to beneficiaries, and also any other facts which may be useful to the Board.

Resolved, That every beneficiary should be required to acknowledge the receipt of the benefaction made to him or her.

Preachers' Aid Society of the New-England Conference, in account with
CHARLES L. LANE, *Treasurer.*

Cr. 1864.

April 20 — By balance on hand.....	\$5140 52
Received from Churches to Conference of 1865....	584 65
Donation from Lee Claflin, Esq.....	100 00
Legacy of Betsey Wheeler.....	50 00
Interest.....	85 36
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	\$5961 00

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To Cash paid Revs. E. K bby, \$275; C. Field, \$250; P. Crandall, T. W. Tucker, H. Moulton, G. F. Cox, and N. A. Soule, \$200 each; N. S. Spaulding, \$225; W. A. Clapp, \$175; A. D. Merrill, \$150; Chas. Baker, E. F. Newell, E. Scott, and O. S. Howe, \$100 each; H. P. Hall, \$75; K. Atkinson, \$50.

Widows Steele, Easterbrook, Fisk, Peirce, Palmer, and Smith, \$100 each; Lambord, Ainsworth, Bridge, Gile, Willard, and Hempstead, \$75 each; Taylor, Merrill, Green, Ward, Adams, and Bardwell, \$50 each. Children of Rev. Wm. M. Mann, \$75.

Overpaid me in item, "Cash from Conference," and returned, \$300.75; Postage and Revenue Stamps, \$13.12. \$4338 87

Balance on hand March 29, 1865.....	\$1622 13
Received from Conference:	
From the Churches.....	3485 94
“ Trustees of Conference.....	29 30
“ Rev. B. K. Peirce.....	5 00
“ Rev. Geo. Bowler, donation.....	100 00
“ Chartered Fund.....	25 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$5267 37

BOSTON, April 15, 1865.

CHARLES L. LANE, *Treasurer.*

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT IN OUR WORK.

The greatness of the task imposed upon the Committee, and the brevity of the time which is allowed them, prevents that full examination of the subject which its importance demands. To supervise so eminent a body as this, is a responsibility from which one naturally shrinks. Yet, as it is the duty of her ministers to obey her orders, even if those orders require her chastisement, we submissively comply.

Four points, of the many that might have been examined, have engaged the attention of your Committee.

First, The condition of our feeble churches.

Second, The unoccupied territory.

Third, The best mode of opening new fields.

Fourth, The Presiding Eldership.

First, The condition of our feeble churches is worthy of your attention. There are twenty-seven churches which paid not over \$400, and thirteen which paid \$300 or less. The average membership of these twenty-seven churches is only forty.

What shall be done with these churches? Some of them are new stations in important centres, which should be recognized as germs of future growth, and cherished accordingly. But most of them are in locations, and in years, that forbid hopes of increase. Both classes should be united in the form of a circuit. Reluctance exists in some of our churches to this necessity that they should yield or be left unsupplied. The modern usage of making the Sunday-school take the place of one of the sermons, will easily fill the vacuum they dread. They will thereby strengthen both the Sunday-school and the lay element in our prayer-meetings, and will rejoice in the change, when it shall have been once established.

Second, The fields yet unoccupied are great, and their call imperative. In Middlesex County, 31 towns have no Methodist preaching. Among them are the historic towns of Concord and Lexington, each of which is also largely deficient in evangelical preaching. Other large towns in other counties await our coming. These places should be inspected, and occupied as rapidly as is judicious. Two such places have been entered by us this winter, — South Reading and Brookline. The neighboring preachers have occupied the most eligible halls in these towns, on Sabbath evenings. Large audiences have been gathered, and the first is already soliciting a regular preacher. Our neglect in entering these fields will be the more apparent, if we compare our work in different counties. In Worcester County, twenty-five towns have been occupied by us since 1845, while only six have been entered in Middlesex, and five in Essex; and yet these last counties surrounding the metropolis have increased much faster in population than Worcester. Middlesex County has increased almost twice as fast, while our church there has only entered one-fourth of as many towns. These facts show us the necessity of greater activity in this branch of church extension. At least one or two new centres should be occupied annually.

Third, The places to be occupied should be carefully considered. We are often as hasty as we are tardy in this work. Inconsiderate activity is as dangerous as inconsiderate delay, — often more so: for it is more difficult to uproot than to plant.

One or two enthusiastic brethren settle in an unimportant village, or one already well supplied with evangelical preaching; or a zealous minister is anxious not to build on other men's foundations, and thus churches are planted which can never grow. The unity of faith and practice among evangelical churches, so different from what it was but a few years ago, renders the formation of our churches less a necessity than formerly, in communities that are not large or growing, if they have already sufficient accommodations for their people in evangelical churches.

The Presiding Elders, with the neighboring preachers, should examine all such openings, and direct where the breaking up plough shall be inserted. Thus, these churches will be identified from their infancy with the whole church, who will strengthen them in their feebleness, and rejoice in their prosperity.

Fourth, The Presiding Eldership, as the highest office in the Conference, naturally attracted a large share of your Committee's attention. The conclusions they reached were as follows:

1st, This office should be respected by the church. The ministers should not speak lightly of it, but should rather magnify it. It is as essential as our itinerancy, and must be maintained in our economy as long as that economy exists. The chairmanship of districts and other modes of adjusting this system elsewhere, are far below it in ease and smoothness of action. We can only properly magnify it by honoring those who are elevated to it, as our official superiors, and by placing in the office the best talent of the Conference.

2d, The church should provide for these brethren, as well as she does for those in her best stations. They should have parsonages in the central cities of their districts, which should be furnished by the churches as well as other parsonages. Their travelling expenses, and whatever peculiar expense they may incur in taking the appointment, should be also borne by the churches, as they now do those that attend the exchange of their own pastors. These expenses should be apportioned by the District Stewards, as are those of the regular salary.

The Elders thus selected are expected to devote their whole time to their districts, as faithfully as the other preachers do to their charges. By exploration of new fields; by visiting the societies; by holding protracted meetings; by all the means their wise heads and warm hearts shall conceive, they should ceaselessly labor to build up the church of God in their dioceses.

As three of the Elders will leave their districts next year, and as a new one enters his this, it is a fitting time to commence securing the requisite furniture for these parsonages, in order that the chief obstacle to the acceptance of this appointment shall be removed, and it shall become as inviting as the best of our stations.

The following Resolutions are respectfully submitted :—

1. *Resolved*, It is the duty of those charges which cannot give their pastor a comfortable support, to unite together in the early and excellent form of a circuit, and the Presiding Elders are instructed to press this duty upon them so far, in their judgment, as they shall deem it proper.

2. The large centres yet unoccupied by us should be speedily entered, and our Elders are hereby requested to inaugurate this work, at least in one or two of these places every year.

3. No new fields should be opened without the approval of the Elders, and of a majority of the neighboring ministers and lay delegates to our Conference.

4. That our Presiding Elders are hereby instructed to request the District Stewards to defray their travelling expenses on their several districts; to hire parsonages, and raise the amount necessary for the furnishing of the same; which amount shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board, to be by him expended for this purpose, so that this appointment shall become as inviting as our best charges.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the Reconstruction of the Church in our revolted territory respectfully report :—

The triumph of our arms has nearly abolished both the institution of slavery and the church organizations which had been its main support. We are called upon by the providence of God to enter that territory, and plant there true principles in government, morals, and religion. The spirit and the mode in which this work shall be undertaken involve the most solemn duties imposed on the Christian and the patriot of America to-day. They should be earnestly and prayerfully considered, and the right course boldly and vigorously followed. Especially should this great duty be prosecuted by our church; since her numbers, her zeal, and her influence, as well as the popularity of her name, doctrines, and usages in that region, have placed her in advance of all her rivals in privilege and opportunity. If she refuses to see this duty, if she hesitates to embrace it, most certainly, if she seeks to compromise and weaken it with the sinful prejudices that yet possess the nation,—those evil spirits that God's great chastisement has not yet exorcised,—she will fall from her high place, and another will take her crown.

In prosecuting this work, two dangers must be especially avoided, two duties especially done :

I. We must first shun the temptation of making the former church the centre around which we shall re-organize our own. That church has been so completely leagued with detestable sin, that its representative ministers and members are incapacitated for the work of social, civil, and religious regeneration. They have rejected the fundamental morals of the gospel. They have fostered the most awful crime against man, society, and God. They have nurtured the viper of rebellion in the church and the state, and have been one of the chief causes of the fearful slaughter that has reddened the whole land with blood. They are unworthy of renewing the land in right-

cousness, which they have so long made less tolerable than Sodom and Gomorrah. Neither, if worthy, are they able to effect this regeneration. Their ministry and membership may be divided into two parts, the leaders and the led. The first are avowed and active traitors, and as bishops, elders, and men of affairs, have organized and sustained the rebellion and its cause. They certainly cannot be trusted with this work of re-union, and will not accept our offers, if we are so false to our principles as to make them. As well might Judas and Caiphas have become members of the apostolic college, as for the bishops of the Church South to re-enter, in their former state, the church they have sought to destroy. The words of David and Peter are our guides in each case here: "His bishopric let another take."

The second and larger, though inferior, class, who have blindly followed these blind guides, are unfitted, by education, habit, and feeling, for the needful leadership. They have neither the required experience nor capacity. They must co-operate with the better ministers of the true church, as they have with the baser ones of its apostate sister.

2. We must avoid the danger of recognizing the distinction of color among the members of a common church and ministry.

It is on this rock that that church foundered. They began by erecting unscriptural barriers between the brothers and sisters of a common Redeemer; they ended by utterly despoiling these their brethren of every right, human and divine. We must shun the beginning of their evil. We must see and obey our whole duty in this matter, as most clearly revealed to every Christian conscience in the sight of God. No recognition of such distinction must appear in our Discipline or action. We must follow the most clear, unceasing, and emphatic declarations of the word of God,—declarations strengthened by its warnings and its punishments upon the church that disobeys or disregards them,—and carefully exclude the spirit of caste from our re-organization there, as well as revise our action in our present boundaries in conformity with this divine requirement.

II. To escape these dangers, we must perform two duties.

1st, We must send South such ministers of ability as shall faithfully carry out the divine principles. They should select such co-workers as they can find there, of whatever complexion, who are loyal to the church and the nation, who will faithfully preach the whole gospel to their brethren, and enforce its practice. These should be erected into a Conference, and become the nucleus around which the Methodist Episcopal Church shall grow in a purity and a power such as she never there attained in her previous history. This is not only the right way: it is also feasible. It is, in our judgment, the only feasible way. Every other course is false and feeble, and will assuredly and speedily come to nought.

2d. She must expressly command these ministers to make no distinction in her membership or officiating on account of color, nor to give way to any pressure of prejudice, no, not for an hour; remembering that if our missionaries abroad are forbidden to recognize the distinctions of caste among their converted heathen, much less should we recognize it among our fellow-citi-

zens and fellow-Christians, and that, too, in favor of the least loyal and least Christian portion of our membership.

The delay of our church to enter this great and effectual door that God has opened may be caused by his Spirit, because he sees that we are not yet fit to make the conquests aright. By organizing colored Conferences, and by delaying to employ, in her missionary work, the brethren having any tincture of this blood, she has greatly weakened her efficiency and postponed her triumphs. Those organizations were made against the direct and earnest protest of this Conference, and must, we believe, result in evil, and only evil, and that continually. They must be abandoned, and the Conferences be without this badge of separation and of sin.

It was expected that they would open the way for our advance among the people whom they profess to represent. Yet so far from this is the case, that hardly one of these ministers is sent as a missionary among our emancipated brethren; and one who was thus serving with great success under the direction of another missionary board than ours, was removed to an honorable but far less important position in a loyal city.

This course has prevented these brethren from uniting themselves with our church. A most capable brother, now in the South, holding a lucrative and important post under the Government, an eloquent preacher, of fine education, refused to engage in the service of our church, because we would not treat him as an equal, and he could rise to no such position as his talents would command. We left him in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which is rapidly absorbing all the preachers of ability among the freedmen that we are so perversely casting away.

Again, other churches are rapidly surpassing us in their progress South, because they are the more faithful to the voice of the Master. The American Missionary Association expended nearly \$100,000 in this work last year, and propose to expend \$200,000 this year. They use every available instrument to further their cause. Ministers of every hue in fraternal unity build up churches that know no white and no black, but are all one in Christ Jesus.

The Congregationalists are also aspiring to the control of this vast region. They will outstrip us in the race, if we adhere to the idea that we have a church there already, and that it is our duty to revive and re-unite her to ourselves in her yet unwashed garments of caste; and especially if we shall be constantly striving to put the new wine which God is pressing for us, into the empty bottles of that church which He has utterly and eternally destroyed.

The whole church, East and West, is anxious to enter that territory, clothed in the whiteness of Christ's blood and truth. Hundreds of our ministers would gladly fly thither were the true call only sounded. If the little pittance of thirty thousand dollars out of six hundred thousand is all that our Missionary Board can spare for this gigantic enterprise, let the Secretaries make an especial appeal to the Church for men and means. They will be amazed at the response which will be made to their appeal. The Methodist Episcopal Church has sent hundreds of thousands of her sons into the war. She will not withhold them from the divine warfare to which God is now call-

ing her. In the name of her God she will set up her banners over all that land. She will carry a perfect gospel to a long-rejecting people. She will organize Conferences and churches where the cruel distinctions of the former times shall appear no longer, but where the brotherhood of Christ shall labor in the common fellowship of one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. That her honored leaders may speedily guide her to these perfect and permanent victories is the earnest prayer of this Conference.

In view of these facts, the following Resolutions are submitted :

1. We deplore the organization of colored Conferences at the last session of the General Conference, because they are contrary to the most righteous action of the same Conference which struck all previous words of distinction from every page of our statutes ; because they only tend to separate brethren in the ministry, and to foster prejudices that are contrary to the word of God ; and because they are utterly without effect in the evangelization of the freed-men of the South.

2. That the Discipline does not compel all our brethren who are partakers of this blood, to enter these Conferences, but simply allows them to, if they will ; while it permits them to join any Conference within whose limits they may be needed, or with which they may hold a connection, while laboring as a missionary in the South or elsewhere.

3. That we approve of the contemplated organization of Conferences in the South, provided that in their organization our colored brethren in the ministry shall be placed among their neighbors and kinsfolk in equal rights and honor.

4. That this work is most feasible as well as most proper, it being only necessary for our brethren who believe in these truths, and are willing to carry them forward, to be stationed in the chief centres of the South, and to be required to summon around them such suitable helpers as they can find, who with them shall be the organic centres of the new Conferences that shall renew the face of that now desolate land with a truly scriptural holiness and life.

5. That we do hereby respectfully request our bishops and the Missionary Board to begin this great work immediately, by such selections of agents and appropriation of means as shall be necessary to carry forward the same.

6. That we believe such a movement will be responded to in great enthusiasm by our ministry and people who are determined to re-occupy the territory from which the treason of 1844 drove them, and to plant there the perfect gospel of human and heavenly brotherhood in Christ Jesus.

LAY DELEGATION.

The Committee on Lay Delegation, having considered the general aspects of that subject, and the circular of the Central Committee of the Laymen's Convention, held in Philadelphia, and the resolves adopted at a Laymen's meeting held in Boston in May last, present, as their report, the following resolutions :—

Resolved, First, that the quarter of a million of legal voters in our Church are eminently fitted, by their interest in its welfare, by their generous support of its institutions, by their consistent piety, general intelligence, and practical experience, to participate with its seven thousand travelling preachers in its *highest legislation*, and in the direction of its benevolent, reformatory, and educational enterprises ; and that we, therefore, approve of the

introduction of lay delegates into both the General Conference and the annual conferences, whenever it shall be ascertained that the Church desires it, and it can be effected without exciting the spirit of rancor and schism.

Resolved, Secondly, that we invite the District Stewards to elect delegates to this Conference, as they have done for several years past, and that we will extend to them a cordial welcome, and the privilege of speaking on all questions relating to our benevolent and educational interests, and of serving on the standing committees of the Conference.

Resolved, Thirdly, that we request the Presiding Elders to convene their District Stewards at an early period in the ensuing year, and consult them in regard to holding District Conventions, at least annually (to be composed of one preacher and one layman from each station), for the purpose of canvassing the wants of the churches, within their districts, respectively.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of our approaching centennial celebration, beg leave to report that, Whereas, the General Conference did recommend, at its last session, that a sermon be preached before each annual Conference, at its session next preceding said celebration, and that each annual Conference should appoint a committee to advise and direct with regard to said celebration, therefore, —

Resolved, That Rev. D. Sherman be, and he hereby is, appointed to preach on the subject before this Conference, at its next session; and that Brothers L. D. Barrows and Lee Claflin, of the Boston District; H. W. Warren and P. P. Tapley, of the Lynn District; D. Dorchester and F. A. Clapp, of the Worcester District; E. Cooke and L. H. Taylor, of the Springfield District; together with Brothers Cummings, J. W. Merrill, Pliny Nickerson, Carlos Pierce, L. Hull, and N. E. Cobleigh, be the committee for this Conference, recommended as aforesaid.

The following resolutions were adopted, by a rising vote, unanimously: —

Whereas, this Conference has learned with deep sorrow of the departure from this life of our highly-esteemed brother, Noah K. Skinner, Esq., therefore, —

Resolved, That we embrace this opportunity to give expression to the high appreciation we cherish of his character as an earnest, active, and consistent Christian, — as a brother deeply devoted to the church of his choice, willing to endure any self-denial, suffer any reproach, or perform any duty, for its prosperity, — a safe counsellor, a spiritual adviser, a generous benefactor, zealous for the glory of God, for the salvation of souls, and never weary in devising and doing good.

Resolved, That we give thanks to God that his useful life was so long spared to the church and his family; and we offer our sympathy for each, praying that God may sanctify this severe affliction to both.

MEMOIRS.

EPAPHRAS KIBBY

Was born in Somers, Conn., in 1777. Under the instructions of a pious mother, at eight years of age, he became religiously awakened, but soon relapsed into carelessness. But he says of himself, subsequently, "One sermon from the powerful and eloquent George Roberts was sufficient, under the Divine Spirit, to rouse my guilty soul, and extort the cry, "What shall I do to be saved?"

In 1793 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in New London, and immediately became active in religious duties. In 1798, he attended the Granville Conference, having been previously exercised most powerfully by the Divine Spirit.

His own convictions, joined in by all the preachers who knew him, urged him forward into the ministry while yet a youth. But when introduced to Bishop Asbury, he said of him, "That young man is not adequate to the rough work of the itinerancy," he being of a slender and delicate constitution. Yet he was received into the Conference, and, contrary to his expressed wishes, was appointed to a *station*, and put in charge. He had never attempted to preach a sermon. Of his first effort he says: "I said a few words — was confounded — my mouth was shut, and I sat down." And of his second sermon, it is said that a liberally-educated professional gentleman offered to publish it at his expense.

Soon his usefulness and popularity became widely extended. Through his labors, Methodism was introduced into Bath and Hallowell, Maine. And the first two converts in the latter place were the father and mother of two twin boys who were presented by the parents to him for baptism. One of these boys, Melville B. Cox, became the first foreign missionary of the M. E. Church, who said, "Though a thousand fall, yet shall Africa be redeemed." The brother is now an esteemed member of this Conference.

Great revivals followed his arduous labors and eloquent preaching. He formed the first M. E. Society in New Bedford. He continued as a local preacher, in the Provincetown appointment, eleven years, where, by the sea-air, his feeble constitution was much invigorated. Here he became extensively known and useful. In 1841 he was returned superannuated, in which relation he continued till his death, residing in his neat and happy home in Chelsea, surrounded to the last by his wife and four children, happy in each other's society, and ministering to each other's wants. His days were evidently lengthened by his regular and abundant out-of-door exercise taken in his flower-garden, where he displayed as well as gratified his exquisite taste, till within a few weeks of his death.

During his illness, which was severe, his mind, as before, was peaceful, and his faith strong, followed by a holy triumph at last. Suffering much, he said: "This is what I call 'suffering with Christ.'" — "I thank God, I am blessed with patience." — "It is the strangest thing to me, that there is such a thing

as Infidelity." — "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait the salvation of the Lord. I am both hoping and waiting." — "Glory to God! Glory to God!" These were his last words, and he slept in Jesus, September 8. 1864.

Though he entered the ministry with few advantages of the schools, yet he early formed careful and close habits of study, shown in his accurately-trained reasoning powers, as well as in his elegant and forcible diction. He once said to the writer, that he entered the ministry with a library consisting of the Bible, Discipline, Hymn-book, and Mason on Self-Knowledge. Few and well read were his books, with a free use of his pen, which imparted to him his strength and polish. He was passionately fond of choice literature and poetry, and was himself a poet of taste and considerable ability.

His pulpit talents are said to have been of a superior order, and he was regarded, in his prime, as an eloquent speaker. His judgment was cool and clear; his piety deep and uniform; and great multitudes were gathered into the church through his labors. And though his active years were passed before most of us entered on ours, the early history of Methodism shows him one of the most prominent actors.

He was a minister sixty-seven years; local, eleven years; but preaching all the time usefully. Since 1841, he has been on the superannuated list, and has preached only occasionally. His appointments were Sandwich, N. H., New Rochelle and Croton, N. Y., Readfield, Me., Marblehead, Boston, Providence, R. I., New Bedford, Portland, Me., Lynn, Salem, Provincetown, Martha's Vineyard, Ipswich and Topsfield, Duxbury, Weston, Weymouth, Dorchester, Charlestown, and Newton Upper Falls. In some of these places he was repeatedly appointed, and his memory is as ointment poured forth.

REV. CHARLES BAKER.

REV. CHARLES BAKER was born in Scituate, Rhode Island, April 7, 1798, and died in Somerville, Mass., August 16, 1864, aged sixty-six years, four months, and nine days.

He was converted to God in Warwick, of his native State, at the early age of sixteen years, under the ministry of the Rev. Joel Steele. Two years later, at a Camp Meeting in Wilbraham, Mass., he experienced a thorough baptism of the Spirit, which put at once an end to his perplexing doubts, and settled forever the question of duty in the future. Holding at that time a position somewhat remunerative and promising, it was not without deep and earnest struggles that he could decide to obey at once the great commission to which he felt called; but duty triumphed, and he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, under the direction of the P. E., the late Erastus Otis, though fully conscious that toils and privations awaited him. In 1821 he was received into the New England Conference on probation, and, subsequently, received the following appointments: — Lancaster, N. H., 1821–22; Sandwich, N. H., 1823; Orford, N. H., 1824–25; Rochester, N. H., 1826; Elliot, Me., 1827; P. E., Penobscot District, 1828–29; P. E. Readfield District, 1829–30; Agent Maine Wesleyan Seminary, 1831–32; Portland, Me.,

1833; P. E. Portland District, 1834-37; P. E. Gardiner District, 1838-41; Portland District, 1842-43; Orrington, Me., 1844-45; East Thomaston, Me., 1846; Northampton, 1847; Wilbraham, 1848; Ipswich, 1849; P. E. Springfield District, 1850-53; Hubbardston, 1854-55; Agent Conference Tract Society, 1856; superannuated in 1857.

Thus, for thirty-six consecutive years he labored to extend the cause of God, and then, from failing health and loss of voice, he held a superannuate relation nearly eight years.

He participated in the services of the sanctuary on Sabbath morning, August 14, and, returning to his home, was almost immediately attacked by paralysis, which rapidly benumbed his arms and lower limbs; but his intellect was clear, and his tongue was loosed to sing the praises of God; his death was most triumphant, and his end peace. Thank God, it may still be in truth said, "Our people die well."

Brother Baker possessed many most admirable traits of character. His ardent attachment to the Church of his early choice, through his protracted ministry, never wavered; always hopeful, he dwelt not in the past, but saw signs of improvement in the present, which were full of promise for the future.

A piety always cheerful, and a temper genial and full of sunshine, fitted him at once to be the companion of the young no less than of the aged.

Deprived of early advantages for a superior education himself, he became an earnest advocate for a higher standard of culture in the ministry and membership of the Church, as a means of usefulness to others; and he devoted some of the best years of his life to secure such a result.

Many a young man was sought out by him, taken by the hand, and encouraged to commence a course of preparation for College: in this feature he had few equals. In all these efforts he was seconded by her who has borne most meekly, patiently, and prudently, the toils of an itinerant life, and, as a reward for this interest, they have been greatly blessed in their own family. A numerous circle of sons and daughters live to bless the Church, following the directions of Solomon: "Hear the instructions of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."

REV. CHESTER FIELD.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmanent; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever.

"And Samuel died: And all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented, and buried him at Ramah."

Rev. CHESTER FIELD, son of Chester and Sophia Field, was born in Deerfield, Mass., September 4, 1816, and lived 48 years, 2 months, and 20 days. He died, November 24, 1864, in Newtonville, Newton, Mass. His parents were respectable, pious people, but did not unite with the Church till he was fourteen years of age. They then wished their children to receive the ordinance of baptism, and he, being the oldest, with five others, was baptized. This public consecration to Christ cost him a mental trial of which his parents knew nothing at the time; but he yielded to parental request without demur, and, subsequently, ratified the consecration his parents made,

and, at the age of nineteen, came into the light and liberty of a child of God. He was at this time residing in the town of Buckland, with his parents; and his open profession of faith in Christ, and recital of religious experience, was soon followed by an interesting revival in connection with the preaching of Rev. William Gordon. April 10, 1837, the church having noticed his "gifts, grace, and usefulness," without his suggestion, presented him with an exhorter's license. April 16, 1838, he received a local preacher's license. With the authority which this license gave him, he supplied vacant churches in Cummington and North Dighton. From 1835 to June, 1839, he pursued academic studies in Shelburne Falls.

At the session of the New-England Conference in Lynn, June 5, 1839, he became a probationary member, and was stationed at Topsfield one year. In 1840, N. W. Duxbury; 1841, Hyannis; where, under his supervision, a new church was built. In 1842, Lyme, Ct. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hedding, at Providence, R. I., June 13, 1841. At the Providence Conference, in Warren, R. I., June 14, 1843, he located. September 14, 1843, in Lowell, he was "elected and set apart as an Elder in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection in the United States."

During his connection with this body, he enjoyed a pleasant and successful pastorate in the city of Lowell two years; but here sorrow crossed his path; the wife of his youth died, with whom he had lived little more than six years.

March 18, 1846, he was examined and approved at a Quarterly Conference in Worcester, Mass., and became a local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the Session of the N. E. Conference, in Boston, April, 1846, he was re-admitted, and stationed at Southbridge; 1847 and 1848, at Saxonville; 1849 and 1850, at Newton Upper Falls; 1851 and 1852, Lynn, Union Street; 1853 and 1854, Boston, Bennington Street; 1855 and 1856, Wilbraham; 1857 and 1858, Worcester, Park Street; 1859, Boston, Centenary Church; 1860 and 1861, Lowell, Central Church. For near twenty-five years he was a pastor, until his last sickness.

At the Westfield Conference, April, 1862, he was ill, though present and attending to the duties of the session. He still thought he might take charge of a small parish where the calls would be few, and the outside duties light; but before the Conference closed, he requested his name to be placed on the superannuated list. He removed his residence from Lowell to South Boston, and here a great sorrow awaited him: Charles Sumner, "a beautiful and most promising child," died on the 21st of July, 1862, aged 6 years; still our brother bore up with Christian fortitude, seeking health, and hoping for strength to preach again.

But sympathy, medicine, change of location, journeying, all failed. A fatal cough was fastened upon him, and for two years and seven months he slowly declined. But, amid all, our brother was patient and uncomplaining. In reviewing his sickness, he whispered this sentiment:

"I could not wish my past one grief the less,
But would my griefs had been more wisely borne,
And yielding more soul treasure."

"All my fondest hopes have planned,
To His wisdom I resign,
And would make his purpose mine."

He expressed his full and firm reliance in the truths he had preached; from them he swerved not, but specially referred to the great foundation, truth of the remedial scheme, "We were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ;" "all my hope rests here, on Christ's finished work;" "the perfect redemption price." "Christ has *died*, and hence I *live*!" He whispered out these sentiments fully, luminously, as he lay on the sides of eternity. And when the last words of Wesley were repeated, "I the chief of sinners am, but Jesus died for me," he responded the remainder, "the best of all is, God is with us:"

"A life well spent! whose early care it was
His riper years should not upbraid his green;
By unperceived degrees he wears away;
Yet, like the sun, seems larger at his setting."

Brother Field had a fine voice, that favorable introduction to a public speaker; was ready and rich in public prayer, and instructive in discourse, simple and engaging in manner. In a number of his pastorates, he was favored with extensive revivals of religion. He was a lover of good books, with which his library was richly furnished. He was strongly and warmly anti-slavery, and at one time was tried at our slow progress as a church, on this subject. He was a pleasant man to visit; good company; there was a kindly cheer; of what pleasant hours in his library of three thousand choice volumes can his friends speak!

He quickly perceived the chance for a pleasant remark and happy hit in company, and often enlivened it by his well-chosen apothegms, pleasantries, and the sharp and sudden turns of a genial wit that seemed native to him. He was wise in his domestic life, ruling his own house well; never omitting domestic worship, never allowing business, hurry, the early train, to displace the morning prayer with his family.

He had a modest estimate of himself: "Let me pass silently away with few words." "Do not say any strong words about me." "I can leave myself in the hands of my brethren." So passed away this dear brother and noble minister of Jesus. He leaves a wife (sister-in-law of our beloved Bishop Baker), one daughter, and a son who bears his father's name, and who, we hope (in a few years), will stand in the fallen father's place. Their loss is great, but he has left them the richest of all legacies,—a good example and a precious name. His funeral was attended Saturday, November 26, in the Dorchester-Street Church, South Boston.

Perhaps the poet describes the close of his life better than any words we can use:

"His end was full of peace
Fitting his uniform piety serene.
'Twas rather the deep, humble calm of faith
Than her high triumph; and resembled more
The unnoticed setting of a clear day's sun,
Than his admired departure in a blaze
Of glory, bursting from a clouded course."

"From the field of labor thou art gone
To thy reward, like him who putteth off
His outer garments at the noon-tide hour
To take a quiet sleep. Thy race hath run
Its course untiring, and thy quickened love
Where'er thy Master pointed, joyed to go.
And now thou'st risen
Up to that glorious and unspotted church,
Whose worship is eternal."

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MEMBERS OF THE NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1865-6, WITH
THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

The figures in the first column indicate the time of joining Conference. The letters designate the present relation,— D. *Deacon*, E. *Elder*, S't. *Superannuate*, S'y. *Super-numerary*.

The figures in the last column indicate whether it is the first, second or third year of appointment.

1861.	Adams, O. W.	D.	Bernardston	1
1858.	Abbott, Thomas J.	E.	Leominster	1
1833.	Allen, Ralph W.	E.	(P. E.) Wilbraham	4
1856.	Ames, Jarvis A.	E.	Newburyport	3
1852.	Atkins, Daniel	E.	Oakdale	2
1843.	Atkinson, Kinsman	E.	Cambridge	S't
1863.	Ayres, Watson M.	E.	Natick	2
1856.	Baker, Henry	E.	Melrose	1
1850.	Bailey, Augustus F.	E.	Natick	2
1856.	Bailey, Jonas M.	E.	Newton Upper Falls	1
1834.	Banister, Daniel K.	E.	Enfield	2
1860.	Barnes, J. W. F.	E.	Malden	3
1855.	Barrows, Justin S.	E.	Charlestown	1
1836.	Barrows, L. D.	E.	Chelsea	3
1858.	Baylies, Andrew	E.	Bond's Village	2
1855.	Bent, Gilbert R.	E.	Annapolis, Md.	3
1851.	Best, Edward S.	E.	Winchendon	3
1842.	Bigelow, Increase B.	E.	Westboro'	2
1826.	Binney, Amos	E.	Boston	S't
1856.	Blackmer, Wm. P.	E.	Dedham	2
1836.	Boyden, Luman	E.	Boston	S't
1844.	Braman, Wm. A.	E.	Whitinsville	1
1858.	Brewster, La Roy S.	E.	Newburyport	2
1830.	Brown, Thomas G.	E.	E. Hampton, Ct.	S'y
1826.	Brownson, Hector	E.	Rhinebeck, N. Y. (Bible Agent)	1
1844.	Butler, William	E.		S'y
1861.	Butler, Oliver S.	E.	Byfield	3
1863.	Bridge, Wm. D.	D.	Buckland	1
1836.	Cadwell, John	E.	Amherst	2
1855.	Capen, John	E.	Athol Depot	1
1844.	Chapin, Daniel E.	E.	Oxford	1
1859.	Chapin, Solomon	E.	Lynn	1
1854.	Chapman, J. A. M.	E.	Boston	2
1850.	Chapman, Geo. E.	E.	No. Andover Depot	2
1863.	Chase, Edwin S.	D.	Clinton	1
1837.	Clapp, Wm. A.	E.	E. Foxboro'	S't
1848.	Clark, Jonas M.	E.	Ashburnham	1
1844.	Clark, Wm. R.	E.	Springfield	2
1844.	Cobleigh, N. E.	E.	Boston	1
1842.	Cook, Albert A.	E.	Milford	S't
1860.	Colburn, W. W.	D.	Feltonville	1
1844.	Collier, Isaac J. P.	E.	Ipswich	2
1843.	Cooke, Edward	E.	Wilbraham	1
1855.	Coolidge, John W.	E.	Leominster	S't
1830.	Cox, Gershom F.	E.	Boston	S't
1820.	Crandall, Phineas	E.	Moosup, Ct.	S't
1835.	Cromack, Joseph C.	E.	So. Walpole	1
1844.	Crowell, Loranus	E.	Salem	2
1846.	Cummings, Joseph	E.	Middletown, Ct. (W. Univ.)	7
1854.	Cushing, C. Wesley	E.	Auburndale	1
1832.	Cushing, Samuel A.	E.	Wilbraham	S't
1833.	Cushing, Stephen	E.	Boston	1
1852.	Cushman, Isaac S.	E.	Newburyport	S'y
1842.	Dadmun, John W.	E.	Boston	1
1843.	Day, John S.	E.	Ballardvale	1
1841.	Degen, Henry V.	E.	Boston	S'y
1847.	Dorchester, Daniel	E.	(P. E.) Dudley	1

1838.	Dunham, Howard C.	E.	Winthrop	S't.
1831.	Dwight, Mosely.	E.	Swampscott	2
1844.	Eastman, Cyrus L.	E.	Waltham	1
1849.	Estey, Jonathan L.	E.	Boston	2
1859.	Fellows, Nathaniel	E.	Southampton	2
1852.	Fish, Linus	E.	Hopkinton	2
1836.	Fisk, Franklin	E.	New England Village	2
1842.	Furber, Franklin	E.	Greenfield	2
1853.	Gaylord, John H.	E.	Blandford	1
1853.	Gage, Rodney	E.	Alexandria, D. C. (Chaplain)	3
1835.	George, Nathan D.	E.	Lynn	1
1860.	George, F. T.	D.	Warren	1
1834.	Gordon, William	E.	Belchertown	1
1836.	Gorham, B. W.	E.	Lynn	1
1858.	Gould, Albert	E.	Saxonville	1
1842.	Hall, Henry P.	E.	Chelsea	S't.
1856.	Hambleton, Wm. J.	E.	Rock Bottom	1
1857.	Hamilton, Albinus O.	E.	E. Boston	2
1859.	Hanaford, Chas. H.	E.	Thorndike	2
1845.	Hanaford, Jeremiah L.	E.	Chicopee	2
1830.	Hascall, Jefferson	E.	(P. E.) Shrewsbury	4
1834.	Hatch, Wm. H.	E.	E. Cambridge	2
1851.	Haven, Gilbert	E.	Boston	3
1833.	Herrick, Austin F.	E.	Holliston	1
1860.	Hewes, Geo.	D.	Cherry Valley	1
1851.	High, Wm. C.	E.	Gloucester	2
1857.	Howe, Oliver S.	E.	Berlin	S't.
1860.	Hubbard, W. M.	E.	West Brookfield	1
1841.	Ingalls, John C.	E.	Melrose	S'y.
1859.	Jackson, Samuel	E.	Easthampton	3
1818.	Jennison, Isaac	E.	Natick	S't.
1863.	Johnson, C. T.	D.	Shrewsbury	1
1847.	Jones, John	E.	No. Amherst	3
1854.	Jordan, Jabez W. P.	E.	Weston	1
1850.	Judd, Burtis	E.	Townsend	1
1822.	Kelley, Samuel	E.	Worcester	1
1808.	Kilburn, David	E.	No. Hartland, Vt.	S't.
1847.	Lacount, Wm. F.	E.	Riverdale	1
1860.	Leonard, W. G.	D.	Wilmington, N. C.	1
1835.	Lewis, J. W.	E.	Southbridge	1
1849.	Lewis, T. W.	E.	Charleston, S. C.	2
1853.	Lewis, W. G. W.	E.	Newton Corner	1
1850.	Loud, H. M.	E.	Medford	S'y.
1852.	McKeown, A.	E.	Lowell	1
1831.	Macreading, C. S.	E.	Plainfield, Ill.	S't.
1858.	Mallalieu, Willard F.	E.	Boston	1
1843.	Manning, Edward A.	E.	So. Boston	2
1858.	Mansfield, Geo. W.	E.	Wellesley	S'y.
1856.	Mansfield, John H.	E.	Worcester	1
1841.	Marcy, Ichabod	E.	Marlboro'	2
1835.	Marcy, Thomas	E.	East Saugus	1
1855.	Martin, Nathaniel H.	E.	Millbury	2
1834.	Mc'urdy, Converse L.	E.	Barre	1
1822.	Merrill, Abraham D.	E.	Cambridge	S't.
1842.	Merrill, David K.	E.	Heath	1
1842.	Merrill, John M.	E.	Corry, Erie County, Penn.	S't.
1838.	Merrill, John W.	E.	Concord, N. H. (Prof. in Bib. Inst.)	11
1843.	Merrill, Nathaniel J.	E.	Charlmont	1
1859.	Merrill, William	E.	Ware	1
1839.	Mitchell, Randall	E.	Southwick	1
1833.	Morgan, Erasmus B.	E.	Savoy	S't.
1828.	Moulton, Horace	E.	East Woodstock, Conn.	S't.
1830.	Mowry, James W.	E.	Webster	1
1840.	Mudge, Zachariah A.	E.	Quincy Point	1
1857.	Moore, E. J.	E.	Chester	1
1810.	Newell, Ebenezer F.	E.	Spencer	S't.
1863.	Newell, C. H.	E.	E. Templeton	2
1851.	Newhall, Fales H.	E.	Middletown, Ct	2
1830.	Noble, Charles	E.	Wilbraham	
1855.	Noon, John	E.	Wales	2
1839.	Osgood, Abraham M.	E.	Charlton City	1
1814.	Otheman, Bartholomew	E.	Marblehead	1
1835.	Otheman, Edward	E.	Chelsea	S'y.
1859.	Owens, J. Henry	E.	Somerville	2
1860.	Parkhurst, M. M.	E.	Woburn	1
1848.	Parmenter, H. R.	E.	Philadelphia, Pa.	S't.
1860.	Peck, J. O.	D.	Lowell	2
1848.	Pentecost, Wm.	E.	New Worcester	2
1859.	Peterson, John	E.	Holyoke	2
1842.	Peirce, B. K.	E.	Harlem, N. Y. (Chaplain)	3
1856.	Pomfret, Wm. J.	E.	Ludlow	2

1830.	Porter, James.....	E.....	New York (Book Agent).....	9
1861.	Potter, Thos. C.....	E.....	So. Reading.....	1
1857.	Prentice, George.....	E.....	Newtonville.....	1
1826.	Puffer, S.....	E.....	Fitchburg.....	St.
1841.	Rice, Wm.....	E.....	Springfield.....	2
1842.	Richards, Daniel.....	E.....	Westfield.....	1
1859.	Rogers, Charles S.....	E.....	Milton.....	2
1859.	Round, J. Emory.....	E.....	Newbern, N. C.....	2
1863.	Sanderson, Alonzo.....	D.....	Williamsburg.....	1
1812.	Saunborn, Jacob.....	E.....	Concord, N. H.....	St.
1822.	Sargeant, Aaron D.....	E.....	(P. E.) Malden.....	4
1859.	Satchwell, Hiram P.....	E.....	Monson.....	2
1830.	Scott, Ephraim.....	E.....	Feeding Hills.....	St.
1859.	Scott, Joseph.....	E.....	Milford.....	3
1858.	Sewall, Chas. H.....	E.....	Jamaica Plain.....	2
1843.	Sherman, David.....	E.....	Medford.....	1
1842.	Smith, Charles N.....	E.....	Charlestown.....	1
1848.	Smith, John.....	E.....	Brookfield.....	2
1839.	Smith, Willard.....	E.....	Chelsea.....	St.
1863.	Snow, Edwin S.....	D.....	No. Brookfield.....	2
1843.	Soule, Nathan A.....	E.....	Holmesburg, Pa.....	St.
1822.	Spaulding, Newell S.....	E.....	Bible House, New York.....	St.
1851.	Steele, George M.....	E.....	Fitchburg.....	2
1861.	Stevens, N. F.....	E.....	Montgomery.....	1
1825.	Stone, Wm. R.....	E.....	Cambridgeport (Chaplain).....	13
1861.	Sweetser, S. B.....	E.....	Topsfield.....	2
1859.	Stutson, Nelson.....	E.....	Springfield.....	3
1825.	Sutherland, George.....	E.....	Neponset.....	1
1850.	Studley, W. S.....	E.....	Boston.....	3
1862.	Thomas, J. S.....	E.....	So. Wilbraham.....	1
1819.	Taylor, Edward T.....	E.....	Boston, (Mariners' Church).....	37
1841.	Thayer, Lorenzo R.....	E.....	East Boston.....	1
1859.	Toulmin, Wm. B.....	E.....	Coleraine.....	2
1862.	Townsend, Luther T.....	D.....	Watertown.....	2
1853.	Treadwell, Thos. B.....	E.....	Dudley.....	1
1812.	Tucker, Thomas W.....	E.....	So. Dedham.....	St.
1844.	Tupper, Samuel.....	E.....	Boston.....	2
1844.	Twombly, John H.....	E.....	Lynn.....	2
1856.	Upham, Samuel F.....	E.....	Lowell.....	2
1859.	Vinton, P. M.....	E.....	Winthrop.....	2
1863.	Vinton, C. H.....	D.....	Hubbardston.....	2
1860.	Virgin, E. W.....	E.....	So. Boston.....	2
1854.	Wait, Daniel.....	E.....	Cliftondale.....	3
1855.	Warren, Henry W.....	E.....	Cambridgeport.....	1
1833.	Webster, Moses P.....	E.....	Dudley.....	St.
1861.	Whitaker, George.....	E.....	Roxbury.....	1
1851.	White, Lorenzo.....	E.....	Wilbraham.....	2
1860.	Winslow, E. D.....	D.....	Chaplain in the Navy.....	3
1845.	Wood, Pliny.....	E.....	Springfield.....	2
1859.	Woods, Frederic.....	E.....	Lynn.....	1
1856.	Wright, M. Emory.....	E.....	Spencer.....	2

PROBATIONERS IN THE CONFERENCE.

1864.	J. W. H. Ames.....	D.....	Chelsea.....	1
1864.	Miles R. Barney.....	E.....	East Brookfield.....	2
1864.	Lorenzo A. Bosworth.....	E.....	Huntington.....	2
1864.	Augustine Caldwell.....	E.....	Mendon.....	1
1861.	Frank C. Morse.....	E.....	1
1864.	John R. Pendell.....	E.....	No. Blandford.....	1
1865.	Charles D. Hills.....	E.....	Northampton.....	1
1865.	John A. Lansing.....	E.....	Ashburnham.....	1
1865.	Franklin G. Morris.....	E.....	Topsfield.....	2
1865.	Wesley C. Sawyer.....	D.....	Maplewood.....	1
1865.	Charles W. Wilder.....	D.....	West Medway.....	1
1865.	Thomas B. Wood.....	E.....	Wilbraham.....	1

LOCAL PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Thomas Haworth	Deacon	Lowell.
William Leland	Deacon	Holland.
Thomas Slater		Hubbardston.
John Carpenter		Southboro'.
Lemuel F. Taylor		Mendon.
Wilder Nichols		Ipswich.
Otis Thayer		South Boston.
John W. Newman		Westfield, W. Parish.
Albert E. Ellis		" "
Jared Brackett	Elder	Shrewsbury.
Samuel Drake	Elder	"
Gordon Rice	Elder	Millbury, Mass.
Emerson Warner	Elder	Weston, Mass.
Lewis T. Perse		Williamansett, Mass.
Tyler Harrington		Warren, Mass.
Henry W. Smith		Boston, Mass.
Rufus Baker		Bernardston, Mass.
J. E. Kiskey	Elder	" "
Asa Haynes		" "
Horace Smith		" "
Charles Haywood		Lowell.
James Dean	Elder	"
S. T. Birmingham	Deacon	"
Thomas Leland		"
Robert H. Wilder		"
Augustus W. Weeks		"
William Bryant	Deacon	Easthampton, Mass.
George W. Evans		E. Templeton.
Dwight C. Osborne		"
Joseph L. Felt		Templeton.
William Shones		Baldwinsville.
Andrew Baker	Deacon	Boston.
William Mullan		"

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NAMES.	Entered the Ministry.	Number of years in the Ministry when made Bishop.	Where and when elected Bishop.	Place and time of Death, or present Residence.
Thomas Coke	In the British Conference, 1778	6	Ordained by Wesley, and elected by the Conf. of 1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814, aged 67.
Francis Asbury	In the British Conference, 1766	18	Ordained by Coke, 1784	Died at George Arnold's, Va., March 31, 1816, aged 71.
Richard Whatcoat	In the British Conference, 1769	31	Baltimore, 1800	Died at the house of Richard Basset, Dover, Del., July 5, 1806, aged 71.
William McKendree	Methodist E. Church, . . . 1788	20	" 1808	Died at Dr. J. McKendree's, Summer County, Tenn., March 5, 1835, aged 78.
Enoch George	Methodist E. Church, . . . 1790	26	" 1816	Died at Staunton, Va., August 23, 1828, aged 60.
Robert Richmond Roberts	Baltimore Conference, . . . 1802	14	" 1816	Died at his residence in Indiana, March 28, 1843, aged 65.
Joshua Soule	New-York Conference, . . . 1799	25	" 1824	Became Bishop of the M. E. Church South, in 1846.
Elisha Hedding	New-England Conference, 1801	23	" 1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 9, 1852, aged 72.
James Osgood Andrew	South-Carolina Conference, 1813	19	Philadelphia, 1832	Became Bishop of the M. E. Church South, in 1846.
John Emory	Philadelphia Conference, . 1810	22	" 1832	Thrown from his carriage, near Reistertown, Md., and died the same day, December 16, 1835, aged 47.
Beverly Waugh	Baltimore Conference, . . . 1809	27	Cincinnati, 1836	Died in Baltimore, February 9, 1838, aged 69.
Thomas A. Morris	Ohio Conference, 1816	20	" 1836	Resigned the Episcopal office, 1852.
Leonidas Lent Hamline	Ohio Conference, 1833	11	New York, 1844	Resigned the Episcopal office, 1852. Died at his home, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, March 22, 1865.
Edmund Storer Jones	Philadelphia Conference, . . 1830	14	" 1844	Residence, New York.
Levi Scott	Philadelphia Conference, . . 1836	26	Boston, 1852	Residence, Odessa, Del.
Matthew Simpson	Pittsburg Conference, . . . 1833	19	" 1852	Residence, Philadelphia, Mt. Vernon Street, No. 1807.
Osmun Cleander Baker	N. Hampshire Conference, . 1839	13	" 1852	Residence, Concord, N. H.
Edward Raymond Ames	Illinois Conference, 1830	22	" 1852	Residence, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Davis Westgatt Clark	New-York Conference, . . . 1843	21	Philadelphia, 1864	Residence, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Edward Thomson	Ohio Conference, 1833	31	" 1864	Residence, Cleveland, Ohio.
Calvin Kingsley	Erle Conference, 1841	23	" 1864	Residence, Cleveland, Ohio.

METHODIST STATISTICS.

FROM THE LATEST PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The M. E. Church is divided into 59 annual Conferences, having 9 Bishops or General Superintendents.

PREACHERS, Travelling, 6,821; Local, 8,205. Total.....	15,026
MEMBERS, 829,379; PROBATIONERS, 98,941. Total.....	928,320
	<hr/> 943,346

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Schools, 13,153; Teachers, 148,475; Scholars, 859,700; Volumes in Library, 2,532,175.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting-houses, 10,015; value.....	\$23,781,510
Parsonages, 2,948; value	3,101,566
Total value of meeting-houses and parsonages.....	<hr/> \$26,883,076

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS CONTROL.

Colleges and Universities, 23; Biblical Institutes, 2; Seminaries, Academies, and Female Colleges, 75. Educating yearly about 25,000 persons.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1864.

For Missions, \$559,000; for Tract Society, \$12,610; for Sunday School Union, \$17,840; for American Bible Society, \$78,780. Superannuated Preachers, &c., \$78,356. Total, 726,586.

MISSIONARIES.

TO FOREIGN LANDS, 161; Members, 7,022.

TO FOREIGN POPULATIONS IN AMERICA, 286; Members 26,138.

M. E. Church, South.

Conferences, 25; Travelling Preachers, 2,591; Bishops, 6; Members and Probationers, 499,694; as reported in 1860.

Other Branches of the Methodist Family.

According to statistics carefully compiled in 1863, there were in Great Britain and Ireland, 732,722 members; British Possessions, 137,006; Europe, Asia, Africa, &c., 80,351; African M. E. Church, 26,203; Wesleyans, 21,000; Methodist Protestants, 90,090; Albright Methodists, 46,000; Preachers, Travelling, 8,400.

STATISTICS OF LEADING RELIGIOUS BODIES

IN THE UNITED STATES.

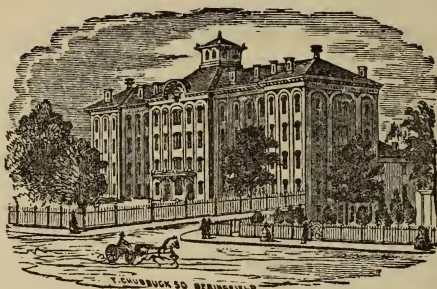
Baptists, 1,039,400; Presbyterians, 654,240; Congregationalists, 260,000; Episcopalians, 151,000; Campbellites, 350,000; Lutherans, 260,000; United Brethren, 102,000; Unitarians, 30,000; Friends, 94,000; German Reformed, 100,000; Friends, 94,000; Reformed Dutch, 51,500.

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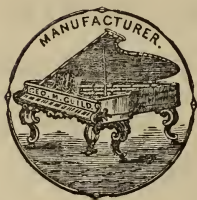
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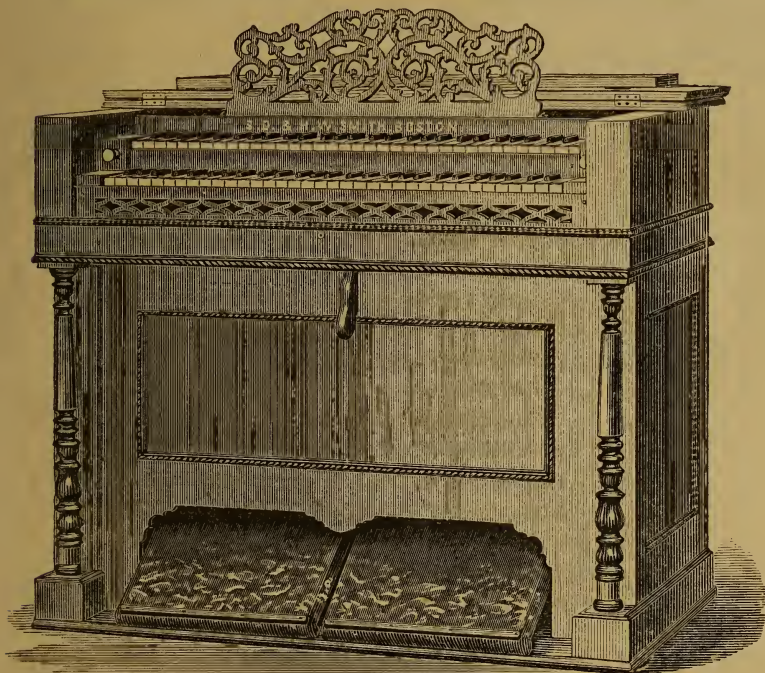
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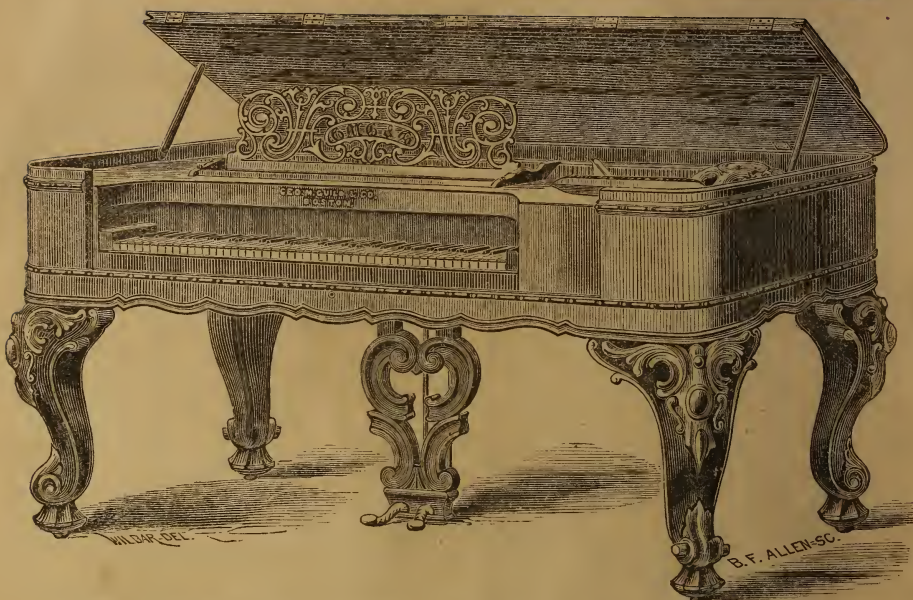
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The following, also, among the latest and just received:

"It is the sweetest toned Piano I ever heard."—(*From Mr. Harris, of England, the inventor of the celebrated "Harris Engine."*)

"It is the nicest Piano, case and all, I ever saw."—(*From the American Consul at Sagua la Grande, Cuba.*)